

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

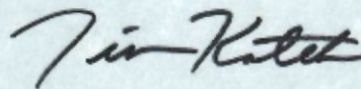
- WHEREAS:** More than 25,000 people were killed or injured by drinking and drugged drivers in the State of Oregon this past decade, with billions of dollars in financial loss; and
- WHEREAS:** December brings holiday celebrations for many Oregonians, who look forward to a safe season full of time spent with family, friends, and neighbors; and
- WHEREAS:** The loss of life or life-changing injury, as well as destruction of personal property, can be drastically reduced through a combination of effective laws, community programs that integrate and coordinate enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, treatment, and education components of the driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII) system; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregonians must continue to demand that friends and family members be responsible, avoid driving under the influence of any intoxicants, and condemn irresponsible and life-threatening driving choices; and
- WHEREAS:** Reduced instances of drunk and drugged driving is in part the result of the many committed and caring Oregonians holding each other accountable; and
- WHEREAS:** By working together towards a common goal of reducing drunk and drugged driving, resulting in fewer alcohol and drug-related fatal and injury crashes, all Oregonians will benefit from safer roads and communities.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **December 2023** to be

DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, December 5, 2023.



Tina Kotek, Governor



LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State

