

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Preparing Oregon students for success after high school is critical to the state's long-term economic strength and community well-being; and
- WHEREAS:** Early exposure to college and career options help students make informed decisions about education, training, and employment pathways; and
- WHEREAS:** Many Oregon students, especially those who are the first in their families to pursue education beyond high school, benefit from additional guidance, encouragement, and access to resources; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon GEAR UP is a federally funded program that works with schools, families, and community partners to increase college and career readiness across urban, rural, and frontier communities throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS:** College & Career Exploration Month encourages schools and communities to provide students with opportunities to learn about postsecondary education, career training programs, and financial aid.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim March 2026 to be

COLLEGE & CAREER EXPLORATION 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 February 26, 2026.



Handwritten signature of Tina Kotek in black ink.

Tina Kotek, Governor

Handwritten signature of Tobias Read in black ink.

Tobias Read, Secretary of State