STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: September is nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and

WHEREAS: The growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is steadily increasing the frequency of sepsis cases. Each year, 1.7 million Americans are diagnosed with and 350,000 die from sepsis. More than 75,000 children in the United States develop severe sepsis each year; and

WHEREAS: Sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the United States, with costs for acute sepsis hospitalization and skilled nursing estimated to be $62 billion annually; and

WHEREAS: On average, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and often experience after-effects such as amputations and post-sepsis syndrome; and

WHEREAS: Communities that have historically lacked access to high-quality healthcare experience a disproportionate burden of sepsis-related suffering. Sepsis is the second-leading cause of pregnancy-related mortality in the United States; and

WHEREAS: A survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that less than 15% of American adults can identify the symptoms of sepsis. The signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME," which stands for "Temperature," "Infection," "Mental decline," and "Extremely ill." Awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 2024** to be

SEPSIS AWARENESS 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, August 22, 2024.

Tina Kotek

Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State