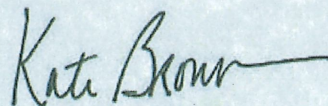STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon is committed to ensuring the safety of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS: Fire is a serious public safety concern in Oregon, and homes are where people are at the greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS: Oregon fire agencies responded to a yearly average of 2,911 home fires from 2017 to 2021, according to the Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS: Oregon home fires resulted in a yearly average of 32 civilian deaths from 2017 to 2021, representing 60% of all Oregon fire deaths; and

WHEREAS: Many of today's home products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments. People have as little as one or two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS: Home fire escape plans should be developed and practiced twice a year by all members of the household; and

WHEREAS: Oregon's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention education; and

WHEREAS: Oregon's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS: The 2022 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Plan, Practice, Be Prepared with a Home Fire Escape Plan," effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 2022** to be
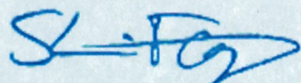
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in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

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, September 16, 2022.

Kate Brown

Kate Brown, Governor

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Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State