

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Sexually transmitted diseases (STD) impact the lives of thousands of Oregonians from across the spectrum of human diversity each year; and
- WHEREAS:** Several populations experience significant STD-related health disparities including LGBTQ individuals, people of color, and youth; and
- WHEREAS:** The rate of syphilis in Oregon has increased over 1500% from 2007 to 2015 and has resulted in cases of mother-to-child transmission; and
- WHEREAS:** Untreated STD infections not only increase risk for HIV infection, they also result in increased costs to the health care system and the risk for infertility in men and women; and
- WHEREAS:** A variety of tools are available to prevent STD including abstinence, condoms, and vaccines for the prevention of Human Papillomavirus and Hepatitis B; and
- WHEREAS:** Effective treatments are available for people diagnosed with an STD as well as their partners; and
- WHEREAS:** The right to good sexual health care is a right shared by all Oregonians.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 2016**

STD 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, March 24, 2016.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Brown".

Kate Brown, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne P. Atkins".

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State