STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: The Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics invites Oregonians to observe Malnutrition Awareness week and support actions to prevent, identify, educate, treat, and report disease-related malnutrition; and

WHEREAS: Disease-related malnutrition often goes undetected but is prevalent among vulnerable populations at any age or body weight, including low-income individuals, communities of color, and those with chronic illness; and

WHEREAS: Disease-related malnutrition impacts patient health outcomes, leading to higher infection rates, poor wound healing, longer lengths of stay, and higher frequency of readmission, and is associated with increased health costs; and

WHEREAS: Action in all settings of care creates opportunities for self-management education and outpatient interventions to reduce or prevent hospital admissions and readmissions, reduces post-discharge services, and enables people to remain more independent at home; and

WHEREAS: The Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics joins the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition in recognizing Malnutrition Awareness Week to raise awareness around the important steps that can be taken to prevent and treat disease-related malnutrition.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 4-8, 2021** to be

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

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 10, 2021.

Kate Brown, Governor

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State