WHEREAS: Nationwide approximately five million people have developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS: At least 59,000 adults and children in Oregon have developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Oregonians with and without disabilities, live and work side by side across Oregon to form strong, diverse communities; and

WHEREAS: Regardless of ability, every person has valuable strengths, infinite capacity to learn, and the potential to make important contributions to their local communities; and

WHEREAS: People with developmental disabilities share the vision to live good, meaningful lives with over four million residents in the state of Oregon; and

WHEREAS: Families of people with developmental disabilities deserve recognition for their commitment to helping their family member achieve that vision for their good life as an independent and contributing member of their community; and

WHEREAS: “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month” is an appropriate time to recognize Oregon’s public policy accomplishments on behalf of people with disabilities and to also identify the improvements to public policy that are needed to fully include all of Oregon’s residents with developmental disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim March 2018 to be

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES 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, February 20, 2018.

Kate Brown, Governor

Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State