WHEREAS: Supportive housing is an evidence-based housing intervention that combines non-time-limited affordable housing assistance with wrap around supportive services for people experiencing homelessness, as well as other people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Research has proven that supportive housing is a cost-effective solution to homelessness, particularly for people experiencing chronic homelessness; and

WHEREAS: Study after study has shown that supportive housing not only resolves homelessness and increases housing stability, but also improves health and lowers public costs by reducing the use of publicly-funded crisis services, including shelters, hospitals, psychiatric centers, jails, and prisons; and

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon, its county governments, advocates, nonprofit agencies, private developers, and healthcare insurers and providers, are joining together on October 15 in Portland at the Oregon Housing Conference to teach and learn about how to create, provide and sustain supportive housing.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 15, 2018 to be SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DAY 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, October 3, 2018.

Kate Brown, Governor

Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State