

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

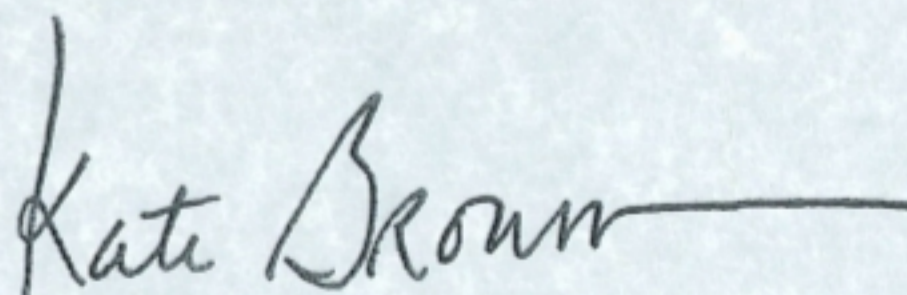
- WHEREAS:** Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and
- WHEREAS:** Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations up to 6 percent of Caucasians in the U.S. do carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and
- WHEREAS:** Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed, and it often takes five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon contains 1.3 % of the U.S. population. We expect that 5,034 individuals in Oregon have a severe deficiency of Alpha-1 (two abnormal genes) and 289,432 individuals are carriers of a single abnormal gene that they could pass to their children; and
- WHEREAS:** During the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition.

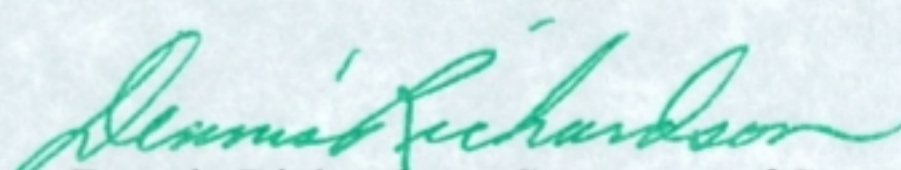
**NOW,**  
**THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **November 2018** to be

**ALPHA-1 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, October 16, 2018.

  
Kate Brown, Governor

  
Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State

