

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

- WHEREAS:** Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers advocate statewide for the best interests of children before the court as a result of allegations of abuse or neglect; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year more than 10,000 children in Oregon enter the foster care system at no fault of their own due to allegations of abuse or neglect and rely on adults to advocate on their behalf; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon law requires that CASA volunteers, appointed by a judge, provide the court with the comprehensive and objective information the court needs to make the most well-informed decisions to help ensure positive outcomes for children and youth, and to take time to build meaningful and authentic relationships with these children and youth; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon CASA programs exist in every county in Oregon, and more than 2,100 CASA volunteers have donated more than 235,000 hours of service to Oregon children who had experienced abuse or neglect; and
- WHEREAS:** Research shows that when a CASA volunteer is appointed, outcomes are strengthened for children and families, more needed services are ordered, children are significantly less likely to reenter the child welfare system, and children perform better academically and behaviorally, and have higher levels of hope. Oregon commends CASA volunteers for their dedication and hard work in advocating for the best interest of children so that every child who has experienced abuse or neglect can be safe, have a permanent home, and have the opportunity to thrive.

**NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 18, 2021** to be

**CASA VOLUNTEER 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, April 26, 2021.

*Kate Brown*

Kate Brown, Governor

*Shemia Fagan*

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State