#### STATE OF OREGON

# PROCLAMATION

### OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: The TRIO programs originated with the establishment of Upward Bound in 1964, followed by Talent Search in 1965, and Student Support Services in 1968, as part of a nationwide effort to address educational disparities and provide greater access to higher education for underserved populations; and

WHEREAS: In 1967, the first Oregon TRIO program was launched at Portland State University, marking the beginning of a statewide commitment to supporting historically excluded students, including students of color, first-generation students, low-income students, and students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Today TRIO programs across Oregon support over 11,000 students annually, offering critical academic, financial, and personal development services to help students achieve their educational goals and create pathways to success; and

WHEREAS: For more than 50 years, TRIO programs have contributed significantly to Oregon's educational landscape, helping students overcome barriers to higher education and fostering academic success, workforce readiness, and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS: The contributions of dedicated TRIO staff, educators, and community partners are essential to the ongoing success and expansion of these programs, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to achieve their educational and professional aspirations; and

WHEREAS: The state of Oregon recognizes the importance of strong public education systems and policies that promote access, equity, and workforce preparedness, aligning with the mission of TRIO programs to empower students to achieve their full potential; and

## NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim February 28, 2025 to be

## **OREGON TRIO 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, January 21, 2025.

Tina Kotek, Governor

Tobias Read, Secretary of State