

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndromes (PANDAS/PANS) involve a misdirected autoimmune process that affects or weakens the blood-brain barrier; and

WHEREAS: A PANDAS/PANS child may have a sudden, dramatic change in personality following a strep, bacterial, or viral infection, with symptoms including anxiety, behavioral regression, decline in school performance and more; and

WHEREAS: More than 4,000 Oregon children are estimated to be affected by PANDAS/PANS and are often misdiagnosed and undertreated; and

WHEREAS: Greater public awareness is needed to improve treatment options and health outcomes.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 9, 2017**, to be

PANDAS/PANS AWARENESS 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, September 21, 2017.



Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Governor

Dennis Richardson

Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State