

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, November is recognized as National Runaway and Homeless Youth Prevention Month, and November 15 is 'Light the Night' to bring further awareness to the issue of runaway and homeless youth; and

WHEREAS, National Runaway Prevention Month began in 2002, and is presented each year by the National Runaway Safeline, the federally designated national crisis and communication system for youth ages 12 to 21 who have run away, are considering leaving home, or are experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, runaway youth are often expelled from their home, have experienced trauma, struggle to meet basic needs, and are at increased danger of falling into high-risk situations, including human trafficking and long-term housing instability; and

WHEREAS, knowing that every youth deserves to live in a safe and caring environment, Northwest Human Services and its HOST Program, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, Church at the Park and its young adult services, Punx with Purpose, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance and its Youth Advisory Board, and the City of Salem and its Youth Development Services, are working to raise awareness, provide support, and offer resources for young people in the community; and

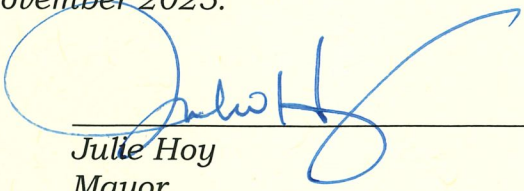
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim November 2025, as

NATIONAL RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH PREVENTION MONTH

and ask the community to observe this month with programs and activities that commit to protecting this vulnerable population of youth and recognize November 15 as Light the Night.

DATED this tenth day of November 2025.




Julie Hoy
Mayor