

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, National Historic Preservation Month was established in 1973, by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in order to promote historic preservation and community pride in local heritage sites; and

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem is one of only seven cities in Oregon designated by the Oregon Heritage Commission as a Heritage All-Star Community for its wealth of heritage resources and effective programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem has four National Register Districts and more than one hundred individually listed Local Historic Landmarks including the Elsinore Theater, Gaiety Hollow, the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, Jason Lee House, and the Southern Pacific Railroad Station; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem's 617 historic buildings help illuminate our City's past and brighten its future; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping preserve the City's architectural heritage; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Chuck Bennett, the Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim May, 2018, as

### NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

and call upon the residents of Salem to recognize this special observance.

**DATED** this twenty-third day of April, 2018.



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Chuck Bennett  
Mayor