

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** *Blue Star Mothers of America was founded via a meeting of mothers of WWII servicemen in Flint, Michigan on February 1, 1942, leading to mothers hanging Blue Star Flags in the windows of their homes expressing pride in their servicemen protecting our nation's freedom; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Blue Star Mothers of America was officially chartered by Congress in June 1960 as a nonprofit organization with more than 200 statewide chapters of over 6,000 members, and growing in number supporting active duty service personnel, promoting patriotism, and assisting Veteran organizations – and one another; and*

**WHEREAS,** *this community of Blue Star Mothers understand the unique pride, devotion and worry that comes with having a child serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Whether that child is in active duty, in the Guard or Reserves or is a Veteran, Blue Star Mothers are part of a sisterhood that offers unconditional support during the military journey; and*

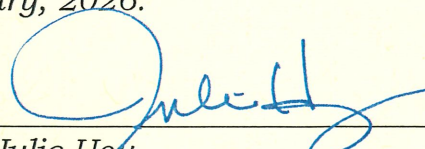
**WHEREAS,** *Blue Star Mothers across the nation, including our Oregon Chapter, celebrate the unique sisterhood and support our troops and veterans each year on February 1, recalling the founding members' mission, we endeavor to promote this awareness via designating February 1, 2026, as Blue Star Mothers Day in the capital city of the state of Oregon; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, Oregon, do hereby proclaim the day of February 1, 2026, as*

### **BLUE STAR MOTHERS DAY**

*and encourage all residents to join in this observance.*

**DATED** *this twenty-sixth day of January, 2026.*

  
Julie Hoy  
Mayor

