

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Qing Ming Festival is a day in Chinese culture for cleaning the graves of and paying respect to deceased ancestors; and

WHEREAS, Qing Ming, which means Clear and Bright in Chinese, is a Chinese custom with thousands of years of history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem and its residents want to recognize the Qing Ming festival; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem has been a home to the Chinese community since the City's founding; and

WHEREAS, as part of this celebration, we will pay respect to all the named and unnamed Chinese people buried in Pioneer Cemetery; and

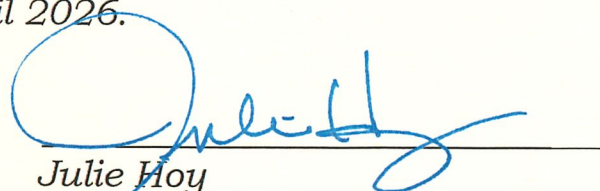
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, the Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim April 4, 2026, as

QING MING DAY

and call upon the residents of Salem to join in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

DATED this fourth day of April 2026.




Julie Hoy
Mayor