

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Imagine a Day Without Water is a National Day of Action on October 16, 2025, that invites people across the country to recognize the essential role of water in our lives and communities; and*

WHEREAS, *more than two million Americans currently live without access to clean, safe, and affordable water, with communities of color, Indigenous communities, and low-income neighborhoods continuing to face disproportionate challenges in accessing safe and reliable water services; and*

WHEREAS, *the water infrastructure in Salem currently delivers safe and clean drinking water to 200,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers every day; and*

WHEREAS, *since 1937, the City of Salem has drawn pristine water from the North Santiam River and treated this water at its Geren Island Water Treatment Facility, and in one year, the Geren Island Water Treatment Facility will produce 10.6 billion gallons of safe drinking water; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Salem invested millions of dollars to protect and enhance the Geren Island Water Treatment Facility, and on July 28, 2025, the Salem City Council enacted a Resolution declaring an emergency to address the potential risks relating to the upcoming deep drawdown of the Detroit reservoir by the US Army Corps of Engineers; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Salem maintains 789 miles of water mains, the oldest of which was installed in 1887, and one of the main water transmission lines from Geren Island is 89 years old with the average age of all the pipes in the City of Salem's water system being 48.3 years; and*

WHEREAS, *Salem's water infrastructure is aging and in need of investment, and sustainable water and wastewater systems builds stronger communities by supporting economic growth, protecting public health, and enhancing environmental resilience; and*

WHEREAS, *by establishing reliable and resilient water infrastructure we can make clean, safe water available for everyone in our communities today and for generations to come; and*

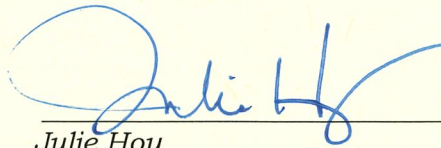
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2025, as

IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER DAY

and encourage residents to affirm that water is essential to our community's quality of life, economic strength, and health.

DATED this thirteenth day of October, 2025.




Julie Hoy
Mayor