

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** December 21 is recognized as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, and held on the longest night of year to bring further awareness to the people who died without a home; and

**WHEREAS,** National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day began in 1990, and is recognized across the country through memorials and celebrations of life; and

**WHEREAS,** the winter months pose extreme hardship for unsheltered and inadequately housed individuals, increasing their risk of poor health outcomes, winter related illnesses, and in extreme cases, death; and

**WHEREAS,** knowing that every life lost deserves to be recognized, honored, and grieved, Northwest Human Services and its Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Project (HOAP), alongside other community partners in Marion and Polk Counties, are working to raise awareness, provide support, and offer resources for an estimated 2,135 homeless individuals in the community; and

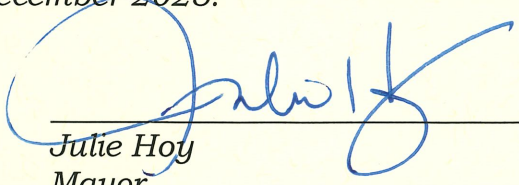
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim December 21, 2025, as

## **NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY**

and ask the community to observe this day with programs and activities that commit to protecting and honoring this vulnerable population, as well as supporting local efforts to address homelessness.

DATED this eighth day of December 2025.



  
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Julie Hoy  
Mayor