

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *November is recognized as Youth Homelessness, Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Month, and November 14 is 'Light the Night' to bring further awareness to the urgent needs of runaway youth; and*

WHEREAS, *Youth HOPE Month began in 2002, and is presented each year by the National Runaway Safeline, the federally designated national crisis and communication system for youth ages 12 to 21 who have run away, are considering leaving home, or are experiencing homelessness; and*

WHEREAS, *runaway youth are often expelled from their home, have experienced trauma, struggle to meet basic needs, and are at increased danger of falling into high-risk situations, including human trafficking and long-term housing instability; and*

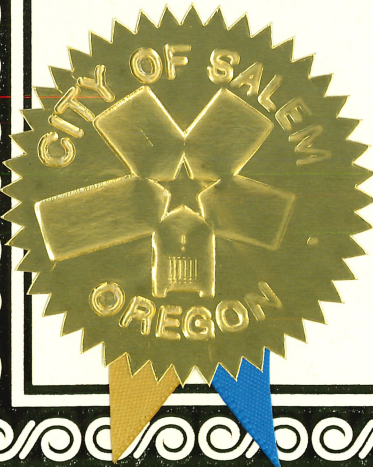
WHEREAS, *knowing that every youth deserves to live in a safe and caring environment, Northwest Human Services and its HOST Program, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency and its HOME Youth Services, Church in the Park and its young adult services, and the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance and its Youth Advisory Board are working to raise awareness, provide support, and offer resources for young people in the community; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Chris Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim November 2024, as*

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS, OUTREACH, PREVENTION, and EDUCATION MONTH (HOPE)

and ask the community to observe this month with programs and activities that commit to protecting this vulnerable population of youth and recognize the November 14 Light the Night event.

DATED this twelfth day of November 2024.



A blue ink signature of Chris Hoy, consisting of stylized initials and a surname, written over a horizontal line.

Chris Hoy
Mayor