## 0/00/00/00/00/00/00/00/00/00/00/00/ PROCLAMATION *@//@@//@@//@@//@@//@@//@@//@@//@* WHEREAS, older Americans are significant members of our society, investing their wisdom and experience to help enrich and strengthen our community; and WHEREAS, Center 50+ has acted as a catalyst for mobilizing the creativity, energy, vitality, and commitment of the older residents of the Willamette Valley; and WHEREAS, through the wide array of services, programs, and activities, senior centers empower older citizens to contribute to their own health and well-being and the health and well-being of their fellow citizens of all ages; and **WHEREAS**, Center 50+ has been a community partner in ensuring that older adults in our community are able to stay connected, safe and healthy; and WHEREAS, Center 50+ promotes dignity, self-worth, and independence of older persons by facilitating their decisions and actions; tapping their experiences, skills, and knowledge; and enabling their continued contributions to the community; NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim September 2024, as National Senior Center Month and call upon all residents to recognize the special contributions of the senior center participants and the special efforts of the staff and volunteers who work every day to enhance the well-being of the older citizens of our community. DATED this ninth day of September 2024. Chris Hoy Mayor