

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Make Music Day* originated in 1982 in France as the *Fête de la Musique*, a unique celebration of music where free, live performances fill public spaces and bring people together; and

WHEREAS, over the past four plus decades, *Make Music Day* has grown into a global phenomenon, celebrated in more than 2,000 cities including 145 U.S. cities, across 125 countries, on the summer solstice, June 21, inviting people of all ages and skill levels—whether amateur or professional—to share their music in streets, parks, plazas, storefronts, gardens, and porches, all free and open to the public; and

WHEREAS, *Make Music Day Salem*, a fiscally-sponsored nonprofit and volunteer-driven organization, held its inaugural event in 2016. Since then, it has brought together over 1,200 performers, hosted 1,600 performances, and partnered with over 250 venues to provide free music to more than 50,000 attendees; and

WHEREAS, *Make Music Day Salem* is preparing to host its 11th Annual Celebration on Sunday, June 21, 2026, and encourages performers, host venues, volunteers, sponsors, and donors to support *Make Music Day Salem* to ensure another successful event; and

WHEREAS, we honor Mark Green during this year's celebration, recognizing his vision and leadership in introducing *Make Music Day* to Salem over 11 years ago, which has since become a cherished tradition in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, Oregon do hereby proclaim June 21, 2026, as

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in Salem and encourage all residents to embrace and celebrate music and the sense of community that it creates.

DATED this eight day of June 2026.



Julie Hoy
Mayor