

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, *Native Americans are descendants of the indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States, and have moving stories of tragedy, triumph, and perseverance that needs to be shared with future generations; and*

WHEREAS, *our country is blessed by the character and strength exemplified by Native Americans who have answered the call of service in our armed forces in greater numbers per capita than another other group; and*

WHEREAS, *we recognize and deeply appreciate all that Native Americans have contributed through their generosity of culture, and the continued practice of teaching economic, environmental, as well as cultural sustainability; and*

WHEREAS, *we at the city of Salem affirm our commitment to working toward a community that fosters a deeper understanding appreciation for the diversity of our cultures, and celebrate all that Native Americans have contributed to make Salem a richer and more vibrant city; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim November 2020, as*

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

and ask that all residents of Salem join me in this special tribute to celebrate the contributions of Native Americans to our city and state, and commemorate this month with appropriate program and activities.

DATED this twenty-sixth day of October 2020.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor