

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** our nation was founded on the principles of liberty and equality for all, yet many marginalized communities continue to strive for those fundamental rights; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Salem is committed to ensuring that every resident has the opportunity to live free from discrimination, prejudice, and violence; and

**WHEREAS,** the LGBTQIA+ communities within the City of Salem include residents, students, city employees, and business owners who enrich our city through their significant contributions to academic, political, economic, artistic, and social life; and

**WHEREAS,** recent rhetoric and actions targeting LGBTQIA+ individuals have created an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty, threatening progress made toward achieving equality and undermining civil rights; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Salem embraces and celebrates diversity, recognizing that a community enriched by people of all backgrounds is stronger, more vibrant, and more inclusive; and

**WHEREAS,** Salem acknowledges and appreciates the many advocacy and support organizations working tirelessly to uplift and empower LGBTQIA+ individuals within our community; and

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

### PRIDE MONTH

and encourage all residents to reflect on how we can foster mutual respect, understanding, and acceptance, while promoting diversity and inclusion throughout our community.

**DATED** this eight day of June 2026.



Julie Hoy  
Mayor