

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

**WHEREAS** *our urban forest enhances our quality of life and helps to prepare us for a climate-altered future by providing cool shade on hot days, blocking cold winds in the winter, purifying our air, slowing down and cleaning our stormwater, absorbing and reducing noise pollution, and attracting birds and wildlife, and*

**WHEREAS** *trees—wherever they are planted—produce life-giving oxygen, sequester carbon, and have a positive impact on mental health, and*

**WHEREAS** *trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, foster better health outcomes for community members, and beautify our community, and*

**WHEREAS** *Arbor Day has been an occasion for planting trees and recognizing the many values and positive benefits of trees to human welfare since 1972, and*

**WHEREAS** *the City of Salem is one of only 16 communities across the country who have participated in the Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA program since its inception, having met and exceeded Tree City USA requirements for fifty consecutive years, and*

**WHEREAS** *the City of Salem is committed to continuing to care for and expand our urban forest.*

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

### **ARBOR MONTH**

*and I encourage all people of Salem to celebrate Arbor Month and to participate in efforts to plant and protect trees and woodlands for the well-being of this and future generations.*

*DATED this twenty third day of March 2026.*

  
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Julie Hoy  
Mayor