

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our country was founded on the principal of freedom and equality for all, but many marginalized communities still fight for those basic rights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem supports the rights of every resident to experience equality and freedom from discrimination and violence; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents, students, city employees, and business owners within the City of Salem who contribute to the enrichment of our city are a part of the LGBTQIA+ communities and their contributions to our capital city can be seen in their widespread academic, political, economic, artistic, and social participation in the community; and

WHEREAS, recent actions and rhetoric against LGBTQIA+ individuals has evolved into a climate of fear and uncertainty, challenging hard-won civil rights and setting back progress made toward equality; and

WHEREAS, the city of Salem accepts and welcomes people of all backgrounds and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem recognizes its many support and advocacy groups within our community; and

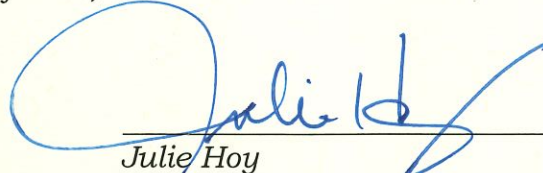
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim June 2025, as

PRIDE MONTH

and invite everyone to reflect on ways we all can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding, while furthering acceptance and diversity in our community.

DATED this twenty-third day of June, 2025.




Julie Hoy
Mayor