

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate the two hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the sixty-fifth anniversary of Constitution Week, as issued by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 19, 1955, and signed into Public Law 915 on August 2, 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, our constitution established six basic governing principles for society. These include popular sovereignty, the rule of law, federalism, judicial review, individual rights, and separation powers through a system of checks and balances; and

**WHEREAS**, our federal system has welcomed generations of immigrants from every part of the globe to participate in the freedom, opportunity and rule of law our Constitution affords, creating out of many groups, one indivisible nation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2021, as

### CONSTITUTION WEEK

and encourage the community to reaffirm the ideals of the Constitution by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to all of us through this enduring document.

DATED this thirteenth day of September, 2021.

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Chuck Bennett  
Mayor

