

PROCLAMATION

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, 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 a charter participant in the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program, having met and exceeded Tree City USA requirements for forty-nine consecutive years; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim April 2025, 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-fourth day of March 2025.




Julie Hoy
Mayor