

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, prior to American settlement, the lands that now comprise Englewood Park were stewarded by the Chamikiti Kalapuya people, who managed oak and fir landscapes in what is now Salem and throughout the Willamette Valley; and

WHEREAS, the seven-acre park is known for its 244 historic and mature trees including white oaks, Englewood's long standing ecological conditions have supported not only a diverse array of mature native trees and wildlife, it is recognized as having one of the best urban wildflower gardens in the Mid-Willamette Valley; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-nineteenth century, the land was part of the Donation Land Claim of Nancy and John Baker, early Salem settlers who arrived in Oregon in 1847, and in 1926 approximately 7.2 acres were conveyed to the City of Salem for public park purposes; and

WHEREAS, Englewood Park has since remained in continuous public use for one hundred years, providing accessible green space, fostering community identity, and supporting recreation and environmental resilience; and

WHEREAS, the park has long served as a neighborhood gathering place and cultural anchor, hosting informal recreation as well as organized community events, including the Englewood Forest Festival; and

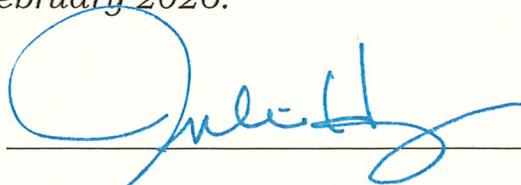
WHEREAS, the one hundredth anniversary of the park's deed transfer provides an opportunity to honor the layered history and enduring value to the Salem community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, Oregon, do hereby recognize the year 2026 as

ENGLEWOOD PARK CENTENNIAL YEAR

and encourage all residents to celebrate the historical, cultural, ecological, and community significance of Englewood Park.

DATED this twenty-third day of February 2026.



Julie Hoy
Mayor

