

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that 8,770 Oregonians will die from cancer in 2025, with 26,980 expected diagnoses this year; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer is the leading cause of death among Oregonians, with lung, breast and prostate cancer the most prevalent; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past 30 years, thanks to the federal government's substantial and steady increases in cancer research funding, discovery and innovation, have led to a 34% decline in cancer mortality rates; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon has played a large part in those gains with work at the Knight Center Institute at Oregon Health & Science University and the Earle A. Chiles Research Institute, among others, while thousands of Oregonians work to treat, care for and support those who have been diagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer research funded by the National Institutes of Health has created 4,435 Oregon jobs and \$964 million in economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, Salem's Kathy Ottele's Lights of Hope display at Riverfront Park on August 27, 2025, was a reminder that cancer touches all lives and that we can, indeed, end cancer as we know it for everyone; and

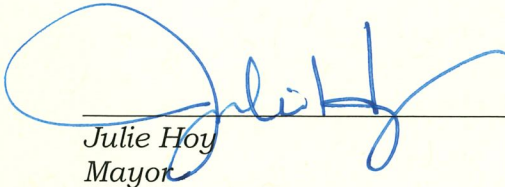
**WHEREAS**, Kathy Ottele, a seven-time cancer survivor, raised more than \$26,000 for cancer research and will join hundreds of fellow cancer advocates on September 15-16, 2025, for the ACS Cancer Action Network's Lights of Hope and Leadership Summit and Lobby Day in Washington D.C., urging lawmakers to fully fund research into cancer cures; and

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

### SALEM FIGHTS CANCER MONTH

and encourage Kathy Ottele and our Oregon ACS Cancer Action Network Delegation as they advocate for all of us in the Nation's Capital.



  
Julie Hoy  
Mayor