

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, December 10, 2023, marks the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, "Disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people;" and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, and as a member of this community, I share in the community's concern as we see our fellow human beings suffer inequity and discrimination; and we work alongside each of you in standing up against bigotry and taking action in support of human rights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem, by definition the "City of Peace" supports freedom for all its people and recognizes the need to address issues of racism, poverty, homelessness, discrimination based on religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, and more, while knowing that in our global society, no person is free until all persons are free; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, Oregon, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2023, as

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

in Salem and urge all in the community to respect this day as a stepping stone to equity and inclusion for all people of our city, our nation, and the world.

DATED this fourth day of December, 2023.



Chris Hoy
Mayor

