

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the Willamette Valley Treaty, 10 Stat. 1143, was signed on January 22, 1855, in Dayton, Oregon, by the United States and by several Bands of the Kalapuya and other Willamette Valley tribes that later became the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (CTGR); and

WHEREAS, upon its ratification by Congress, the Willamette Valley Treaty ceded ancestral homelands of the CTGR, including the Salem area, to the United States in exchange for certain rights and benefits; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Willamette Valley and the CTGR seek to increase knowledge and understanding of each other and their respective governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem and the CTGR wish to formalize their existing longstanding collaboration and friendship by creating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and

WHEREAS, the MOU expresses intent to maintain an open dialogue and work collaboratively on issues of mutual interest; it also identifies communication protocols between elected representatives and staff, including a tribal liaison; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2019, as

WILLAMETTE VALLEY TREATY COMMEMORATION DAY

and call upon the community to recognize the importance of this significant treaty and subsequent MOU that formalizes the City of Salem's special friendship with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.

DATED this fourteenth day of January, 2019.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor