

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since the conclusion of the Vietnam War on April 30, 1975, Vietnamese refugees have proudly made the city of Salem, Oregon, their home, enriching the community with their resilience and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans have significantly contributed to the growth and vitality of Salem through their dedication to industries, the economy, cultural enrichment, education, and military service; and

WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans regard the State of Oregon as their second homeland, embracing it with heart, mind, and spirit; and

WHEREAS, every year, Vietnamese Americans solemnly observe Remembrance Day to honor the sacrifices of 58,220 American servicemen and servicewomen, including 810 from the State of Oregon, 34 from the city of Salem, and more than 300,000 South Vietnamese soldiers who gave their lives for freedom and democracy in South Vietnam between November 1955 and April 1975; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2026, as

VIETNAMESE AMERICAN REMEMBRANCE DAY

DATED this twenty-seventh day of April 2026



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie Hoy", is written over a horizontal line.

Julie Hoy
Mayor