



CITY OF SALEM

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City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, January 13, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1.3b. 20-3

Proclamation honoring the life of former Salem Mayor Mike Swaim

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TO: City Council

THROUGH: Steve Powers, City Manager

FROM: Chuck Bennett, Mayor

SUBJECT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Information Only.

Attachments:

1. Proclamation - Mike Swaim Day in Salem

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mike Swaim, who served as Mayor of the city of Salem from January 1997- December 2002, passed away on December 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Swaim was a respected leader in the community for decades, and was committed to improving the lives of Salemites; and

WHEREAS, as a southern California "transplant," Mayor Swaim was unwavering in his support for managed growth in Salem; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Swaim led numerous community initiatives he valued greatly, including development of the Salem Convention Center; preservation of Opal Creek; founding and development of Marion Square Skateboard Park; development of Salem Riverfront Park; creation of the Salem Outreach Shelter; founding of Salem Self-Help Housing; and co-founding the Salem Memorial Peace Lecture Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Swaim also helped create the Salem Peace Plaza and Peace Wall, supported LGBTQ community and promoted Salem Gay Pride Day, was founder of the Community Coalition for Affirmative Action, and was a founding member and treasurer of the Dorothy Patch / Nellie Thompson Scholarship Fund; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Swaim devoted himself to always doing his best on behalf of his constituency and remained true to his core values;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim January 25, 2020, as

MIKE SWAIM DAY IN SALEM

and encourage residents to honor Mayor Swaim's passing, as well as to recognize his legacy as a caring and hardworking role model in our community. All City of Salem flags will be lowered on January 24, 2020, in Mayor Swaim's honor; I urge all residents to lower their flags as well.

DATED this thirteenth day of January 2020.

Chuck Bennett
Mayor

