

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the rich and longstanding cultural traditions as well as honor the significant achievements of our Hispanic and Latino communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, first established by President Lynden B. Johnson in 1968, as Hispanic Heritage Week, Congress passed Public Law 100-402 in 1988, authorizing the designation of National Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the great contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans; and

WHEREAS, President George H.W. Bush issued the first proclamation honoring National Hispanic Heritage Month, Proclamation 6021, where he stated that "Hispanic Americans have continued to make their mark across the country and in virtually every aspect of American life;" and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos represent a vibrant and thriving part of Salem's diverse community and make valuable contributions in business, industry, government, education, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, our city is greatly enriched by its Hispanic presence, and we look forward to continuing our strong relationship with our friends who contribute so much to Salem and surrounding communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim September 15-October 15, 2022, as

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

and encourage everyone to celebrate the heritage and achievements of Hispanics and Latinos and recognize their contributions to our country and our community.

DATED this twelfth day of September 2022.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor