

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in communities across the United States and in our very own city of Salem, gun violence has profoundly affected the families of victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, every year in Oregon, more than 500 gun deaths occur, ranking Oregon as having the 30th highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

WHEREAS, in Salem, fatal and non-fatal injury shootings have doubled in the last five years, and our city has already experienced three shooting homicides this year; and

WHEREAS, cities across the nation are working to end senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is taking a whole-of-community approach to reduce shootings with the Community Violence Reduction Initiative, emphasizing collaboration with residents, community-based organizations, local violence intervention activists, county governments, and local and federal law enforcement and criminal justice partners; and

WHEREAS, our city is stronger when the entire community—residents and police—work together to address crime and safety; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 7, 2024, Salem residents can raise awareness of the issue of gun violence in our city and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim June 7, as

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

and ask all Salemites to honor and remember victims and survivors of gun violence and resolve to work together as a community to reduce shootings and gun violence for the safety and protection of all neighborhoods.

DATED this 28th day of May, 2024.

Chris Hoy
Mayor

