

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Willamette University was founded in 1842, as the first university in the West; and

WHEREAS, Salem and Oregon's economy, civic life, and overall quality of life are strengthened through higher; and

WHEREAS, Willamette University attracts talented people to the city and state, whereupon many remain and become civic and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, through its nationally recognized liberal arts and professional graduate schools as well as its distinguished faculty, students, and alumni, Willamette University brings renown to the city of Salem and state of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, for 175 years, Willamette University has prepared generations of Oregonians for lives of achievement, contribution, and meaning; and

WHEREAS, the university's 175th anniversary is a significant time to reflect upon the past, present, and future contributions of the university and its community to the enrichment of lives in Salem and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the famed "Star Trees," five Giant Sequoias planted on Willamette University's campus to commemorate the university's 100th anniversary in 1942, are a symbol of Willamette in the city of Salem; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim December 2, 2017, as

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

and encourage the community, on this date, to honor the university and its contributions to this community and beyond at the annual holiday lights of the campus' famed Star Trees.

DATED this twenty-seventh day of November, 2017.

Chuck Bennett, Mayor

