

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Sikh workers arrived in Astoria, Oregon, in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and settled in the Alderbrook neighborhood of the historic fishing, canning, and logging town, where they worked alongside other immigrants from China and Finland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sikh immigrants founded the Ghadar Party at the Finnish Socialist Hall in Astoria in 1913, whose members fought for independence from British rule in India; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ghadarites fought and died not only for the freedom of their home country, but for the innate rights of the immigrant worker to lead a dignified and discrimination-free life; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2018 is the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic meeting at the Finnish Socialist Hall in Astoria that recognized the universal right of sovereign nations to independence and self-rule; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2018, a special event to honor the founding of the Ghadar Party is being held at the Maritime Memorial Park in Astoria, Oregon

**WHEREAS**, Salem, Oregon, is proud to be home to more than 100 Sikh families, many of whom will be present at the July 14 event;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim July 14, 2018, as

### **GHADAR PARTY FOUNDING DAY**

and encourage all residents to honor the legacy of significant contributions made by Sikh immigrants in Oregon.

**DATED** this ninth day of July, 2018.



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Chuck Bennett  
Mayor