

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the impact of mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities; and

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health is essential to overall health, and recovery is a process through which individuals are able to improve their wellness, live increasingly self-directed lives, and strive to fulfill their greatest potential; and

**WHEREAS**, by seeking support, people who experience mental health and/or substance use disorders can embark on a healthier lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, National Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental health and substance use disorders, celebrates people in recovery, recognizes the contributions of treatment and service providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual "Hands Across the Bridge" event, scheduled for Friday, September 7, from 2-7 p.m. at Marion Square Park, is a community celebration of recovery and remember those lost to addictions and mental health challenges; and

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

### **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH**

and invite the residents of Salem to join me in observing this month with compelling programs and events that support this year's observance.

DATED this twenty-seventh day of August, 2018.

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Chuck Bennett  
Mayor

