

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, December 7, 1941, marks a somber day in United States history; and

WHEREAS, we remember the more than 2,400 Americans who lost their lives on that day, including 1,102 sailors permanently entombed in the USS Arizona; and

WHEREAS, in a speech the following day to a Joint Session of Congress, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared December 7, 1941, as "a date that will live in infamy;" and

WHEREAS, the events of that tragic day on the Hawaiian island of Oahu at Pearl Harbor propelled America into World War II, and gave the nation a resolve that sustained the nation to victory; and

WHEREAS, because of that victory for democracy, and the sacrifices and suffering endured to secure it, the United States has come to know our enemies of then as allies today; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2018, as

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

and encourage the community to reflect on the historic events that occurred 77 years ago, and pay tribute to those whose lives were lost.

DATED this third day of December, 2018.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor