

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is committed to providing clean, safe, and reliable drinking water to its 195,000 customers, which includes residents of Salem, Turner, and the East Salem Suburban Water District; and

WHEREAS, the City is also committed to serving our industrial customers who use Salem's water in producing food, beer, and wine that is sold nationally and internationally, and the critical medical facilities serving this region; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2018, changes in the quality of river water created challenges for the City's water treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, the City is taking proactive steps to safeguard its drinking water by improving facilities today and building a new state-of-the-art treatment system for clean and safe drinking water well into the future; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified \$72 million in projects to address cyanotoxins and other natural and man-made hazards to the water system; and

WHEREAS, City officials asked Oregon state lawmakers to invest in these public health improvements and demonstrate a commitment to ensure safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2019, the Oregon Legislature's Joint Capitol Construction Committee passed House Bill 5030, which included \$20 million to help support the City's drinking water system improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim July 8, 2019, as a day of special recognition of

SALEM'S LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

**SEN. PETER COURTNEY | THE LATE SEN. JACKIE WINTERS | SEN. DENYC BOLES
REP. BRIAN CLEM | REP. PAUL EVANS | REP. TERESA ALONSO LEON**

and call upon the residents of Salem to recognize these state lawmakers and express gratitude for their efforts to ensure preeminent water quality in Salem for now and for future generations to come.

DATED this eighth day of July, 2019.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor