

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Salem Electric was incorporated in July 1938 as an electric cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Salem Electric's lines were energized in April 1941 with 17 residential and 5 commercial members of the cooperative; and

WHEREAS, in mid 1942, Salem Electric purchased the distribution system from founder Harry Read and Eoff Electric; and

WHEREAS, Salem Electric competed with Portland General Electric for customers/members until 1968 when a territorial agreement was signed; and

WHEREAS, Salem Electric supports its five goals: 1) service reliability; 2) financial integrity; 3) good customer relations; 4) good employee relations; and 5) low rates; and

WHEREAS, the safety of its employees, members, and the public are an integral part of Salem Electric's safety culture; and

WHEREAS, Salem Electric is committed to the efficient use of electricity and renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Salem Electric supports the communities it serves through volunteerism, donations, and sponsorships; and

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

SALEM ELECTRIC'S SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

and ask the community to celebrate the longstanding service and dedication to the community by Salem Electric.

DATED this twenty-second day of May, 2017.

Chuck Bennett
Mayor

