

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-44**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALEM IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY BECOMING A CHILD FRIENDLY CITY**

**Whereas**, the City of Salem has high aspirations and standards for its children and families and is constantly seeking ways to improve their lives and ensure an environment that protects children's health; and

**Whereas**, the City of Salem recognizes that the community's children have the right to peace and safety; the right to play, explore, dream, imagine and create; the right to a clean environment; and the right to be heard; and

**Whereas**, the City of Salem recognizes that what happens to children within their communities significantly impacts their growth and development and, additionally, determines their cost or contribution to society over the rest of their lives; and

**Whereas**, the City of Salem recognizes that the features of a city that make it the safe, healthy, and accommodating for its most vulnerable citizens can also make it more livable for everyone; and

**Whereas**, the City of Salem recognizes that being a child friendly city may benefit the community by attracting families who contribute to economic vitality and social diversity; and

**Whereas**, the City of Salem recognizes that every area of government policy and planning affects children to some degree, either directly or indirectly, and the state of a community's children is a very sensitive indicator of the social, environmental, and economic health of the community; and

**Whereas**, the City of Salem recognizes the need for increased participation by children in decision making forums and creating child friendly environments; and

**Whereas**, the City of Salem seeks to become the first city in Oregon to be distinguished as a UNICEF Child Friendly City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SALEM RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Council does hereby declare its support of the City of Salem becoming a UNICEF Child Friendly City.

**Section 2.** Council directs staff to prepare recommended implementation criteria and standards, using UNICEF Child Friendly City toolkit and framework as guidance, for defining Salem as a child friendly city.

**Section 3.** Staff's recommendations shall be provided for Council's consideration at the January

2018 Work Session to determine the Council's policy direction for the coming year.

ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_day of September, 2017.

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_