

## **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 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, 2017, as

### **PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**

and encourage the community to reflect on the historic events that occurred 76 years ago, and pay tribute to those whose lives were lost.

DATED this fourth day of December, 2017.

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Chuck Bennett, Mayor

