PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2011, the Micronesian Islander Community, otherwise known as MIC, became chartered in the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, more than 500 local Micronesian Islander Community members represent the COFA Nations (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap) and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Marshall Islands, Tonga, Samoa, and other Islander nations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's International Council benefits from MIC representatives and the generosity of wisdom and time offered by its members; and

WHEREAS, MIC's members are actively involved with numerous projects in the Salem area to ensure the well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of celebrating members' heritage, MIC organizes an annual Micronesian Islander Community Celebration, which attracts people from throughout the northwest; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim August 13, 2018, as

MICRONESIAN ISLANDER COMMUNITY DAY

and encourage the community to join me in this special tribute to recognize the contributions of the Micronesian Islander Community on this occasion where their talents are showcased and celebrated.

DATED this thirteenth day of August 2018.

Chuck Bennett Mayor