

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, following the 1990 passage of an amendment to a Joint Resolution of Congress, President George H.W. Bush declared the month of May "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month," noting the significant contributions in science, commerce, education, and the arts made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have demonstrated their dedication to ideals upon which the United States was founded, and have worked for the advancement of human rights and democratic ideals throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have a proud legacy of service and dedication to our community, including the Marshallese Islander and Micronesian Islander Communities; and

WHEREAS, we recognize Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders whose love of family and community have helped to sustain our city, particularly through the commitment of the Micronesian Islander Community (MIC) and Paradise of Samoa; and

WHEREAS, the City is grateful to the members of the Mayor's International Council who highlight the heritage of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim May 2020, as

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

and ask that residents of Salem join me in this special tribute to celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

DATED this twenty-sixth day of May, 2020.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor