

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Salem at all times strives for justice, freedom, and equity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem reaffirms the personal liberties of all its residents and does not tolerate any violation of anyone's civil and human rights; and

WHEREAS, peaceful assembly and protest for those wishing to lift their voices as a way of expressing concerns after the recent death of George Floyd is fully supported and deemed appropriate by the City; and

WHEREAS, we, as a City, acknowledge that the road to true equity remains long; the devastating and senseless loss of life because of the color of a person's skin demands that we all look inward and dedicate ourselves as agents of genuine societal change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem encourages compassionate, positive action to honor the lives lost and improve the lives of our friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the memory of George Floyd and others before him, we urge that the community work diligently to assure a rich and diverse community future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, Oregon, do hereby proclaim from this day forward an

AFFIRMATION AND SUPPORT OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY

and urge all residents to uphold and respect the civil and human rights of every individual.

DATED this fourth day of June, 2020.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Chuck Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Chuck Bennett
Mayor