

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Elsinore Theatre was constructed in 1926 by George Guthrie for the purposes of hosting live performances and showing silent films in downtown Salem; and

WHEREAS, the Theatre was designed by the firm Lawrence and Holford, with Ellis F. Lawrence being the first dean of the University of Oregon's School of Architecture; and

WHEREAS, built in the grand Tudor Gothic style, the Elsinore was envisioned to resemble its namesake, the Denmark castle depicted in Shakespeare's play Hamlet; and

WHEREAS, the structure was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1994; and

WHEREAS, following a series of ownership transfers and financial challenges beginning in the 1950s, the Elsinore was restored to its original grandeur in the early 2000s, thanks to amazing community support, and remains a celebrated performing arts venue drawing people to downtown Salem for nearly a century; and

WHEREAS, as a longstanding community partner for the arts, we celebrate the Elsinore Theatre's 95th anniversary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim May 2021, as

ELSINORE THEATRE MONTH IN SALEM

and encourage residents to recognize and appreciate the world class arts programming the Elsinore has bestowed on our community for the past 95 years.

DATED this twenty-sixth of April 2021.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor