

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2005, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, President George W. Bush established October as National Code Compliance Month in acknowledgement of the importance and impact that code enforcement has on communities; and

WHEREAS, code compliance officers who are members of the American Association of Code Enforcement (AACE), provide for the safety, health, and welfare of residents living in communities throughout the United States by enforcing building, zoning, housing, environmental, and property maintenance codes and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, dedicated and well trained using AACE guidelines, City of Salem code compliance officers are highly responsible individuals who are proud of their Code Compliance Department and its proactive efforts to control blight in the city; and

WHEREAS, City of Salem code compliance officers are committed to promoting life safety as well as improving neighborhood aesthetics; their duties can have a major impact on property values and overall image of the city; and

WHEREAS, code compliance officers have a very intricate, challenging, and demanding job, and one that can profoundly impact the quality of our lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby call upon all residents to observe October 2021, as

NATIONAL CODE COMPLIANCE MONTH

and ask that residents recognize the positive impacts made by Salem's code compliance officers as well as their role as public servants.

DATED this eleventh day of October, 2021.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor