

**PROCLAMATION  
THE ATKINSON MEMORIAL CHURCH CENTENNIAL**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. John McLoughlin founded and platted Oregon City in 1844, and

**WHEREAS**, in 1849, the "First Congregational Church", and the First Congregational Society were incorporated under the laws of Oregon Territorial Legislative Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception in 1849 the First Congregational Society of Oregon has been housed in three successive churches. This third church, the Atkinson Memorial Church, was begun in 1924 and dedicated on February 1, 1925; and

**WHEREAS**, this prominent landmark was built at the corner of John Adams and Sixth Street, adjacent to the Carnegie Library and Library Park, and the Fire Station/Old City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, this church is on the National Register of Historic Places (1982) and is a local historic landmark built in the Gothic Revival style and contains fifteen (15) magnificent Povey Brothers, stained glass windows, which are examples of the pastoral form utilized in churches in this area; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1936, the church was renamed in honor of George Henry Atkinson, pioneer educator and the second minister of the church; and

**WHEREAS**, since its founding, the congregation continues its mission of emphasis on inviting connection, inspiring spiritual growth, and igniting action for justice; and

**WHEREAS**, from its humble origins in 1924, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Willamette Falls continue to serve its congregation and the Oregon City community in small and big ways; and

**Now, Therefore**, I, Denyse C. McGriff, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim:

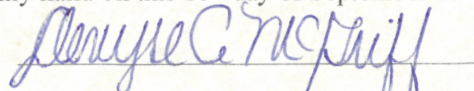
September 21, 2024

As

Atkinson Memorial Congregation Church Centennial Day

**And**, call upon the citizens of Oregon City to recognize and celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the iconic building

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024

  
Denyse C. McGriff, Mayor

