

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS one of the founders of the United States, Alexander Hamilton, spoke to the importance of elections and voting when he said "We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate," and

WHEREAS the election clause of the U. S. Constitution and Public Law 28-1 specifies the manner and dates for federal elections on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even number years, which is five weeks from today, and

WHEREAS Oregonians have voted by mail since 1999 with great success and election integrity with only 38 voter fraud convictions from 61 million votes cast over a 19-year period, a .00006% fraud rate, and

WHEREAS Clackamas County election workers power our elections with intense, meticulous work behind the scenes to ensure success in this critically important democratic function, and

WHEREAS election workers in some parts of the country have regrettably been subjected to harassment and even threats that are unwarranted and unpatriotic, and

**WHEREAS** Clackamas County election workers have our utmost support and complete trust – in short, we have your back.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Batey, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as CLACKAMAS COUNTY ELECTION WORKERS APPRECIATION DAY as they begin mailing ballots.

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF,** and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of **October 2024**.

Lisa M. Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder