

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Bill 146**

Sponsored by Senators COURTNEY, WINTERS; Senator GIROD (at the request of Oregon State Capitol Foundation) (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to an annual day of observance; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the cherry tree is an essential part of Salem’s history, culture and economy; and

Whereas Salem’s first Cherry Festival was held in 1903 with a three-day celebration that included a queen’s coronation and many other activities, as well as industrial displays and exhibits of cherries arranged in booths along Court Street; and

Whereas in 1907 the Pacific Coast Association of Nurserymen adopted a resolution declaring Salem to have the “greatest and finest display of cherries known in history” and by unanimous vote gave Salem the title “Cherry City”; and

Whereas in 1913 the Cherrians organization was established in Salem to host an annual Blossom Day; and

Whereas in 1986 the City of Salem and Kawagoe City, Japan, entered into a sister city relationship to strengthen the bonds between them; and

Whereas the cherry blossom has been a symbol of Japanese culture since time immemorial and is symbolic of the Cherry City as well; and

Whereas in 1992 more than 150 Akebono flowering cherry trees were planted on the Capitol Mall in keeping with Salem’s renowned affinity for cherries; and

Whereas residents and visitors alike enjoy strolling beneath the blossoms, and the significance of the cherry tree in Salem has had a long and fruitful history; now, therefore,

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly designates the third Saturday in March of each year as Cherry Blossom Day in Salem and encourages all residents and visitors to join in this observance.**

**SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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**Passed by Senate February 21, 2017**

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

**Passed by House March 7, 2017**

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

**Received by Governor:**

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**Approved:**

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Kate Brown, Governor

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Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State