

Senate Bill 146

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

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Designates third Saturday in March of each year as Cherry Blossom Day.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

12 Whereas in 1986 the City of Salem and Kawagoe City, Japan, entered into a sister city re-
13 lationship to strengthen the bonds between them; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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