

**PROCLAMATION**

**CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**MARCH 4, 2013**

WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, the United States Department of Labor has fostered, promoted, and developed the welfare of wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of this country; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor has continually sought to make the American workplace safer, healthier, and fairer for everyone; and

WHEREAS, working families in the City of Albany, across the country, and across the world have benefitted from the United States Department of Labor's efforts to assure work-related benefits and rights, including the right to be paid fairly for every hour labored; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor has evolved to meet the changing needs of a changing workforce by partnering with employers, community organizations, and institutions of higher learning to improve job training, provide lifelong learning opportunities, and advance efforts for profitable employment; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the United States Department of Labor has reached outside the confines of the workplace, touching people's lives at all stages, by allowing parents to take leave and tend to loved ones; training veterans and young people for the careers of a lifetime; and guaranteeing the pensions of retired workers; and

WHEREAS, the inestimable value of the services provided by the United States Department of Labor will remain of paramount importance to the well-being of all Americans and that it will address tomorrow's conditions and meet the needs of future workers with the same insight, foresight, and passion it has shown for the past century.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sharon Konopa, Mayor of the City of Albany, Oregon, do hereby proclaim March 4, 2013, as the

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in Albany, Oregon, and ask that all residents join me in observing this celebration.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto placed my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013.

  
Sharon Konopa, Mayor