

Whereas

Whereas, the Great Blue Heron is a majestic symbol of the City of Portland's efforts to restore, protect and sustain ecologically healthy habitats for fish and wildlife and for the enjoyment of citizens in Portland and throughout the region; and

Whereas, Great Blue Heron Week represents an opportunity for the City of Portland to recommit its efforts to the natural environment by celebrating past successes and future challenges; and

Whereas, the City of Portland continues to work The Intertwine Alliance and its 160 partners, including the Audubon Society of Portland, Willamette River Keeper, and Urban Greenspaces Institute, to expand, restore and manage The Intertwine---the Portland-Vancouver region's system of parks, trails, and natural areas; and

Whereas, the City of Portland accepted donation of 45 acres of Ross Island from Ross Island Sand and Gravel which is managed by Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation; and

Whereas, Portland Parks and Recreation has continued to improve the ecological health of the natural areas by removing invasive species, planting native trees and shrubs, monitoring birds and other species, and working with the community to steward the property; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Environmental Services has adopted the Great Blue Heron as its logo and works in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to keep the Willamette River safe from harmful algal blooms, and support's restoration of riverine habitats including Ross Island and Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge as models of healthy urban fish and wildlife habitat; and

Whereas, it is The City of Portland's commitment to continue restoration and management of Ross Island and nearby 160-acre Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge as a refuge for Great Blue Herons and myriad other wildlife and to provide access to nature for Portlanders; and

Whereas, The City of Portland will continue to monitor and be actively engaged with Ross Island Sand and Gravel in the restoration of Ross Island, the Ross Island Lagoon, and the Great Blue Heron colony and Bald Eagle nests on Ross Island;

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim
May 15th through May 21st to be

31st Annual Great Blue Heron Week
in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe his week.

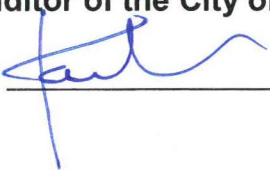
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Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

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MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

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1. Fritz		
2. Fish		
3. Saltzman		
4. Eudaly		
Wheeler		