

Whereas

Whereas, in 1890, a man named Augustus "Gus" Waterford, became the first black firefighter to join the Portland Fire Bureau; and

Whereas, Firefighter Waterford was stationed at Engine 6 in 1890, 1891 and possibly part of 1892; and

Whereas, William Carr was the next black firefighter to join the ranks of PF&R. He was sworn in on April 5, 1952. He served on Engine 8, 13, and 11; and

Whereas, while it takes a heavy dose of bravery to be a firefighter, it also takes an extra level of courage to be the first person to break down a social barrier; and

Whereas, PF&R's first black firefighters did not have the reassurance of seeing other people who looked like them on the job, but still had the wherewithal to visualize themselves as firefighters and the personal conviction to go after a career in the fire service; and

Whereas, today there are many people of color who put on the Portland Fire & Rescue uniform and proudly serve this city; and

Whereas, as February is Black History Month, now is the time to recognize those who paved the way for all the black firefighters who came after them;

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim February 2018 to be

Pioneer Black Firefighters of Portland Month
in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month.

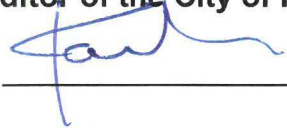


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Commissioner Saltzman)

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