

RESOLUTION No. 37372 As Amended

Declare the Human Access Project's River Hugger Swim Team, based at Portland Fire and Rescue Station 21 Fire House Dock, as the City of Portland's open water swimming safety ambassadors and as the Official Open Water Swim Team of the City (Resolution)

WHEREAS, The Willamette River is Portland's largest public open space and natural area, owned by the citizens of Oregon, and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services spent \$1.44 billion on The Big Pipe Project, the largest public works project in the history of the City of Portland, in an effort to clean up the Willamette River. The result of The Big Pipe is a projected reduction of 94% of combined sewage overflows into the Willamette River. There has only been one combined sewage overflow event in 2018, this occurred after 160+ consecutive days of no sewage overflows; and

WHEREAS, Portland Fire & Rescue has updated the Station 21 Dock to include ground fault protection technology designed to minimize the risk of electric shock drowning in accordance with the National Electric Code (2017 edition, Article 555.3); and

WHEREAS, according to Portland Parks and Recreation only 4% of the Willamette River shoreline in the central city has a sandy, publicly-accessible entry point; and

WHEREAS, the Willamette River is Portland's second largest public open space; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association advises that being physically active is important to prevent heart disease and stroke, the nation's No. 1 and No. 5 killers.; and

WHEREAS, Human Access Project is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization whose mission is to "Transform Portland's Relationship with the Willamette River"; and;

WHEREAS, Human Access Project has safely facilitated over 10,000 people to their first experience recreating in the Willamette River safely through their annual Willamette River Celebration, The Big Float (now in its eighth year), the Recreational Protest Swim, The River Hugger Swim Team (now in its fifth year), and the Mayoral Swim (now in its third year); and

WHEREAS, Human Access Project developed a swimming safety policy that was vetted by Portland Fire, Multnomah County River Patrol, US Coast Guard and AMR-River Rescue that was later used for public information by Portland Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, there is no swimming ban or similar such requirement pertaining to marinas and docking facilities within the National Fire Protection Association Chapter 303 or the National Electric Code, administered by the Bureau of Development Services; and

WHEREAS, potential shock hazard signs have been posted at the Station 21 Dock in

accordance with the National Electric Code to further educate the public about the risk of electric shock drowning; and

WHEREAS, Human Access Project's River Hugger Swim Team has established safety protocols and has worked closely and earnestly with Portland Fire and Rescue and the Bureau of Development Services to make swimming from the Station 21 Dock safer; and

WHEREAS, Human Access Project worked with Portland Parks and Recreation to develop and pay for the pioneering "Swim at your own risk" signs that are now scattered across Portland Park and Recreation's river edge access parks; and

WHEREAS, Human Access Project worked closely with Parks and Recreation and Mayor Ted Wheeler's Office to open Portland's first officially recognized beach, Poet's Beach, which features children's poetry from the Willamette Partnership; the Honoring Our Rivers program; and Chinook Wawa Words, provided by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Portland is a city that loves the Willamette River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will recognize the River Hugger Swim Team as the City of Portland's ambassadors for open water swimming safety and Official Open Water Swim Team of the City of Portland, whose home is the Portland Fire and Rescue, Station 21 Fire House Dock.

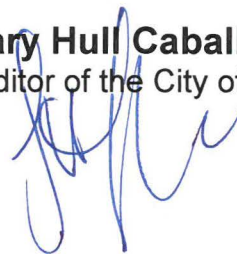
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that July 11th be named River Hugger Swim Team Day in recognition of the work of Human Access Project, and celebrating the third annual Mayoral Swim that will occur later this evening at 6pm at the Station 21 Fire House Dock.

Adopted by the Council: JUL 11 2018

Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Prepared by: Matthew Grumm
Date Prepared: 6/26/2018

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland

By



Deputy

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<p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler <i>VC</i></p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman <i>Don</i></p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Eudaly</p>	<p>Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy</p>
<p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Bureau Head:</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p>Prepared by: Matt Grumm Date Prepared: 6/26/2018</p>	
<p>Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date 7/11/2018</p>	

<p align="center">AGENDA</p> <p>TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: 9:45 AM</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: 30 mins (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p> <p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA</th> <th colspan="2">COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>YEAS</th> <th>NAYS</th> </tr> <tr> <td>1. Fritz</td> <td align="center"><i>[Signature]</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Fish</td> <td align="center">✓</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Saltzman</td> <td align="center">✓</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Eudaly</td> <td align="center"><i>[Signature]</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wheeler</td> <td align="center">✓</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:			YEAS	NAYS	1. Fritz	<i>[Signature]</i>		2. Fish	✓		3. Saltzman	✓		4. Eudaly	<i>[Signature]</i>		Wheeler	✓	
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