

Whereas

Whereas, Addiction is a chronic disease, often requiring multiple episodes of care and a lifetime of support; and

Whereas, Addiction is a treatable condition, as exemplified by the millions of people who identify as in recovery;
and

Whereas, According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Oregon has the
4th highest addiction rate in the country; and

Whereas, According to SAMHSA, Oregon ranks 50th in access to addiction treatment; and

Whereas, According to an EcoNorthwest analysis, untreated addiction costs Oregon Taxpayers \$5.9 billion annually;
and

Whereas, Five Oregonians die each day in alcohol-related deaths and one to two Oregonians die each day from
drug-overdoses; and

Whereas, More than 2,100 people die each year in Oregon from untreated addiction; and

Whereas, Addiction disproportionately impacts marginalized and underserved populations, including veterans, rural
populations, native communities, the LGBTQ+ community, and communities of color;

Whereas, The City of Portland supports addiction services in conjunction with its efforts to reduce homelessness
and recidivism through the Portland Housing Bureau, Joint Office of Homeless Services, and
Portland Police Bureau; and

Whereas, The legislature has tasked the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission with producing a strategic plan to
address addiction in the state of Oregon; and

Whereas, Oregon will be the first state to measure a “recovery rate,” a metric which can be used to track the
success of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission’s strategic plan;

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim
September of 2019 to be

Recovery Month

The City is committed to reducing our untreated addiction rate and providing public health support and services for
individuals experiencing addiction issues alongside its partners across the state and nation.