

Whereas

Whereas, Ron Steen, a native of Portland, OR his entire life, and, professional career, serving as a mentor to many local musicians, and has been inducted into the Jazz Society of Oregon Hall of Fame and Oregon Music Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Steen has consistently maintained an active weekly jam session in the Portland jazz community for over forty years, earning the title “The Godfather of Jazz Jams” in Portland; and

Whereas, Steen has shared his talent and love of jazz as a bandleader and drummer with acclaimed jazz musicians, alongside aspiring jazz musicians, imparting the values, tenets and culture of jazz. He is a true Portland Jazz Master as recognized by the PDX Jazz Festival; and

Whereas, Steen has served as a unifying thread, connecting musicians, audiences, students and jazz stages throughout his career, a mission he fulfills to this day; and

Whereas, as Steen states, “It is an honor to have played jazz in Portland over several decades with a vast array of amazingly gifted musicians who are so dear to me. I truly share this award with all of them.”

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim February 26, 2021 to be

Portland Jazz Master Day

In Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

Proclaim February 26, 2021 to be Portland Jazz Master Day
(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

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