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Proclamation

Proclaim the week of September 19-26, 2021 to be National Expungement Week

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Whereas, National Expungement Works (N.E.W.) is a movement to emancipate justice-impacted individuals exploited by systemic inequality through record clearing/sealing and access to services; and

Whereas, people with an arrest or conviction on their record face 48,000 legal and socioeconomic barriers restricting access to the most basic of human rights, including education, housing, voting, employment, and governmental services, among many others; and

Whereas, N.E.W. is a diverse collective, guided by seven core principles, of healing, solidarity, creation, ascension, education, legacy, and fellowship, and powered by BIPOC, formerly incarcerated, LGBTQIA+, and people living with arrests and convictions, and their allies and

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Whereas, from September 26, 2021 through October 3, 2021 N.E.W. Week of Action and Awareness events will offer the services of inspired attorneys, organizers, and activists to increase expungement opportunities for those who need it; and

Whereas, the City of Portland will for the first time ever, join the National Expungement Week's "Week of Action," and we will join cities around the country to organize and host free legal clinics to expunge, clear or seal eligible criminal records, and offer access to social resources, and wrap around services to support re-entry.

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses", do hereby proclaim the week of September 19-26, 2021 to be

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Introduced by

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#)

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September 22, 2021

Requested Start Time

10:30 am

Time Requested

10 minutes

Confirmed Time Certain

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Documents and Exhibits

 [Proclamation](#) (62.17 Kb)

Agenda Items

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