## **ORDINANCE No.** 185283

\*Authorize Memorandum of Understanding with the American Red Cross to coordinate emergency relief activities to maximize services to the community and avoid duplication of efforts (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. The Red Cross is a community-based organization that mobilizes people to aid victims of emergencies with the aim of preventing and relieving suffering. The Red Cross is closely integrated into community response efforts, including the efforts of federal, state and local government and non-governmental organizations. The Red Cross works with all partners to lead a well-integrated, effective and efficient response to every emergency.
- 2. Per the Memorandum of Understanding, the Red Cross and the City of Portland (City) will coordinate their respective emergency relief activities to maximize services to the community and avoid duplication of efforts.
- 3. The City recognizes the benefit to its citizens of having this agreement in place.
- 4. There are no charges involved for the City, or its citizens, for the services provided by the Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

a. The Mayor is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the American Red Cross, as outlined in a form substantially in accordance with the attached Exhibit A.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because there is no way to predetermine when a disaster may strike, or when the citizens of the City of Portland need to have these services available; therefore, this ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council: APR **25** 2012

Mayor Sam Adams Prepared by: Valentine Hellman Date Prepared: 4/10/2012

LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By Luran Jansons

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