

RESOLUTION No. 37001

Accept invitation to City of Portland to host World Environment Day June 5, 2013 (Resolution)

Whereas, World Environment Day, established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972 at the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment, is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action; and

Whereas, each year World Environment Day global celebrations are commemorated on June 5th in more than 130 countries around the world, and each region selects its own host city; and

Whereas, in selecting a city, the United Nations Environment Programme acknowledges the efforts of the people of that city in safeguarding the environment; and

Whereas, Portland is recognized internationally for environmental leadership through proactive policy and implementation of multi-modal transportation, land use planning, food policy, green infrastructure, invasive plant management, and comprehensive watershed protection and enhancement; and

Whereas, the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office of North America has invited Portland to host World Environment Day 2013; and

Whereas, Portland recognized the inextricable links between prosperity, education, equity, community health, individual health and watershed health by adopting the Portland Plan in April 2012 to guide development of the City's Comprehensive Plan to encourage sustainable and equitable growth over the next twenty years; and

Whereas, Portland City Council adopted the Urban Food Zoning Code Update in June 2012, to allow more access for all Portlanders to healthy affordable food and gardening space; and

Whereas, the City and partners exceeded the Climate Action Plan goal of 1,000 community gardens in 2012; and

Whereas, the City Council adopted the Portland Bicycle Plan for 2030 in February 2010 to encourage healthier community members and environment by expanding planned bikeways from 630 to 962 miles; and

Whereas, Portland has reduced carbon emissions 26% since 1990 through the City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Action Plan, adopted by Council in October 2009; and

Whereas, City Council adopted the Portland Invasive Plant Strategy in August 2009, to implement a 10-year Invasive Plant Management Plan that is viewed as a model program by other cities; and

Whereas, Portland is recognized internationally for its green infrastructure programs and Green Streets policy, adopted by City Council in April 2007, and receives numerous international delegations annually to tour its sustainable stormwater management facilities; and

Whereas, Portland Parks and Recreation won the National Gold Medal Award for its excellence in planning, resource management, deployment of volunteers, environmental stewardship and program development, the highest honor a park system can receive; and

Whereas, City Council adopted the Portland Watershed Management Plan in March 2006, to improve watershed health through City and community actions; and

Whereas, in 2011, in the first year of the Portland Composts! curbside collection program, garbage collected was 38% lower than the previous year, and separated food waste and yard debris collected curbside tripled, thus meeting key Climate Action Plan goals; and

Whereas, the City developed a new, comprehensive approach to protect Portland's trees through updated regulation and created a successful urban tree planting program that brings together multiple partners, creates jobs and has resulted in over 25,000 new street and yard trees; and

Whereas, the City and its partners throughout the metropolitan region emphasize education for youth and adults to increase understanding and stewardship of our watersheds and communities through environmental education and volunteer service, including removing invasive species and planting thousands of trees and native shrubs annually; and

Whereas, hosting World Environment Day is an honor acknowledging all Portlanders' good work and an opportunity to showcase these efforts;

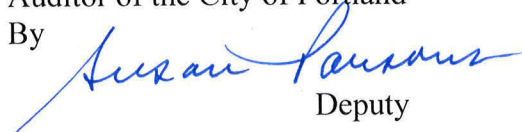
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland accepts the invitation to host the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office of North America World Environment Day on June 5, 2013 in recognition of all of Portland's endeavors towards healthier rivers, watersheds and communities.

Adopted by the Council, **FEB 13 2013**

Mayor Charlie Hales
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

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[1/28/13]

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland
By


Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: <u>Mayor Hales</u>	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>FEB 08 2013</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales <u>[Signature]</u> Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Novick	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By: <u>[Signature]</u> Deputy
BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: BES Bureau Head: <u>Dean Marriott</u> <u>[Signature]</u>	ACTION TAKEN:
Prepared by: A Nelson Date Prepared: 1/28/13	
Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Council Meeting Date 2/13/13	
City Attorney Approval:	

AGENDA TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: 9:30 Total amount of time needed: 30 (for presentation, testimony and discussion) CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Novick	4. Novick	✓	
Hales	Hales	✓	