

Whereas

Whereas, on February 13, 2013, Portland's City Council hosted the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office of North America and passed a resolution to accept the nomination to host World Environment Day on June 5, 2013; and

Whereas, Portland, Oregon, recognizing the inextricable links between individual, community and environmental health, joins 120 countries to forward sustainability through awareness and action, and to support the World Environment Day theme: "Reduce Your Foodprint;" and

Whereas, the people of Portland have been celebrating World Environment Day every day since Earth Day on April 22, 2013. The celebration has included events to build rain gardens, support farmer's markets, restore natural areas, reduce food waste, certify 50 yards as Backyard Habitat, remove invasive weeds, celebrate floodplain restoration and build community gardens; and

Whereas, as part of the World Environment Day, the Audubon Society of Portland, the Urban Greenspaces Institute and the Intertwine Alliance partnership are celebrating the 27th annual Great Blue Heron Week, May 13 – June 9, to highlight Portland's official bird by offering walk, bike and paddle trips and restoration activities at the places Great Blue Herons call home; and

Whereas, World Environment Day will include an exhibition of children's "Water" paintings at the 22nd International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment sponsored by UNEP and Bayer and hosted by PSU's Native American Student and Community Center; and

Whereas, this year's Portland Rose Festival is highlighting our beautiful Willamette River with Dragon Boat Races, environmental themes in the grand floral parade and a special World Environment Day Children's Celebration in the Rozone on June 5th; and

Whereas, Portland Tribal Nations demonstrate how indigenous culture enriches our world through the preservation of oral history, cultural arts and traditional ecological knowledge in collaboration with arts, cultural and educational institutions; and

Whereas, the City of Portland is a recognized leader in innovative policies, plans and programs that foster sustainability through the City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Action Plan, Portland Recycles! Plan, Urban Food Zoning Code, Portland Bicycle Plan, Portland Watershed Plan, Invasive Plant Strategy and the Portland Plan; and

Whereas, the City of Portland is advancing environmental initiatives globally as an innovation partner with Northwest Biocarbon Initiative, as a network member of biophilic cities and as an award recipient from the International Green Roof Association for its pioneering work;

Now, therefore, I, Charles Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the City of Roses, Herons and Environmental Stewards, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2013 to be

World Environment Day North America

and encourage all residents to observe this day
by participating in activities to enhance the livability
for all in our green city.

Charles Hales



