

# Whereas

*Whereas,* 50 years ago African-American and other civil rights leaders organized a quarter million people who marched on Washington, D.C., our nation's capital, to demand justice from the United States government; and

*Whereas,* Jim Crow, segregation, voter discrimination and second-class citizenship were the laws of the land; and

*Whereas,* the critical issues for the 1963 marchers were access to jobs, housing, police, education and economic opportunity amid profound and legally sanctioned discrimination based on the color of one's skin; and

*Whereas,* people of all colors joined the effort to ensure that the U.S. Constitution and the protections it offered would apply equally to Blacks and others who were denied basic human rights; and

*Whereas,* the August 1963 March on Washington was a pivotal moment in the movement toward justice and the struggle for the full human rights of all; and

*Whereas,* while we as a nation have made significant gains through legislation, voting rights and other measures over the last 50 years, these efforts have not eliminated discriminatory practices and outcomes within our governments and institutions, where racism continues to this day; and

*Whereas,* we recognize that injustice and discrimination of all forms are still with us and that our march toward justice is thus not finished; and

*Whereas,* a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that gutted a key provision of the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act, the consistent overrepresentation of people of color in the criminal justice system, and the shredding of the safety-net for many low-income households and communities lets us know that we have much more work to do as a nation to achieve the dream that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. shared that day in Washington, D.C. 50 years ago; and

*Whereas,* the issues of jobs, housing, police, education, and economic opportunities are just as critical today as they were 50 years ago; and

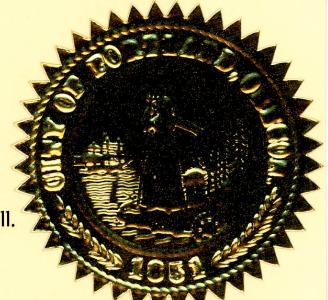
*Whereas,* we honor the work of the civil rights leaders of 50 years ago and recommit ourselves to continue to work for equality for all and for the elimination of the last vestiges of discrimination within our midst;

*Now, therefore,* I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, the City of Roses, proclaim the week of August 23rd through August 30th to be

## *Civil Rights Week*

in Portland, and in doing so affirm support for the events in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington, including support of Portland's March on Saturday, August 24, 2013, and call on all people of Portland to affirm and support the human rights of all.

*Charlie Hales*



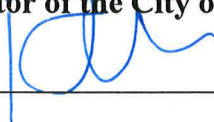
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Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales)

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