

# Whereas

*Whereas,* Portland, Oregon is a city acclaimed for its outstanding quality of life, which is largely defined by its parks system and natural areas; and,

*Whereas,* our parks and natural areas are in need of greater support; and

*Whereas,* October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 is anticipated to be the largest citywide volunteering effort in support of Portland's parks, natural areas, and community gardens in city history; and

*Whereas,* over 70 volunteer projects are scheduled to take place at 55 sites, involving the participation of 40 community groups and organizations; and

*Whereas,* volunteers contribute nearly 500,000 hours of service to Portland Parks annually, one of the largest rates of volunteering of any American city; and

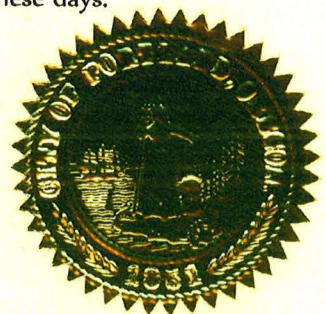
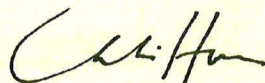
*Whereas,* the people of Portland should be encouraged to support their natural areas and public institutions for the betterment of our city; and

*Whereas,* Parke Diem is the inaugural effort for a citywide day of park system volunteering;

*Now, therefore,* I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim October 11 and 12, 2013 to be

*Parke Diem, a citywide event in support of Portland's parks*

in Portland, and encourage all residents to volunteer in support of these days.




Proclaim October 11 and 12, 2013 to be Parke Diem, a citywide event in support of  
Portland's parks ~~in Portland~~ (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales)

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