

Whereas

Whereas, much of the City of Portland's honor, strength and stature can be attributed to the diversity of cultures and traditions that are celebrated by the residents of this great region; and

Whereas, African-Americans have played significant roles in the history of Oregon's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development while working tirelessly to maintain and promote their culture and history; and

Whereas, as a result of their determination, hard work, intelligence and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to Portland and the State of Oregon, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society, including business, education, politics, science, and the arts; and

Whereas, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to acknowledge the legacies and remember the teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a stance against prejudice and injustice, advanced the cause of civil rights, strengthened families and communities, and paved the path to lives of dignity and prosperity for all minorities; and

Whereas, during Black History Month all Americans are encouraged to reflect upon the past challenges and successes of African-Americans and look to the present as an opportunity to continue to improve society, advancing the ideals of freedom, equality and justice;

Now, Therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses", do hereby proclaim February 1 through February 28, 2014 to be

Black History Month

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month.

Charlie Hales



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Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales)

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