



**Commissioner Nick Fish**  
City of Portland

DATE: June 4, 2015

TO: Mayor Charlie Hales  
Commissioner Amanda Fritz  
Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
Commissioner Steve Novick  
Auditor Mary Hull Caballero

FROM: Commissioner Nick Fish

SUBJECT: Proclaim June 4, 2015 a day of appreciation for Rev. Dr. W.G. Hardy, Jr

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Dear Colleagues,

I'm honored to host a day of appreciation for Rev. Dr. W.G. Hardy, Jr.

Pastor Hardy has been serving the Portland community as Senior Pastor at the Highland Christian Center for nearly 20 years.

From youth ministries and Head Start programs to recovery, addiction, and mental health services, Pastor Hardy has made a big difference in our community.

Please join me in celebrating Pastor Hardy's lasting legacy in Portland – and beyond.

Sincerely,

Nick Fish

*Whereas*, after twenty years of training in ministry, Dr. Hardy was named Senior Pastor of the Highland Christian Center in 1996; and

*Whereas*, Dr. Hardy formed the nonprofit Highland Haven to serve distressed Portland communities, with programs including youth ministries, a 12-step substance abuse recovery program, prison ministry, homeless shelters, and more; and

*Whereas*, he built a new life for the Highland Christian Center as a community gathering place, open to all; and

*Whereas*, Dr. Hardy's passion for education and serving young people helped the church establish partnerships with Albina Head Start, Multnomah County, the State of Oregon, Portland Public Schools, Concordia University, Portland State University, George Fox University, Self Enhancement, Inc., and others; and

*Whereas*, his support for our community extends beyond his church, including service on the Board of the African American Chamber, and support and collaboration with Project Clean Slate and Project Second Chance to help thousands of Oregonians re-start their lives; and

*Whereas*, under Dr. Hardy's leadership and guidance, the African American Mental Health Coalition opened the Oregon Health and Science University's Avel Gordly Center for Healing, making a real difference in the lives of those suffering mental illnesses; and

*Whereas*, he has been proud to share his powerful messages as a featured speaker across the globe, including in Africa, Italy, and Israel; and

*Whereas*, Dr. Hardy's steadfast, servant leadership leaves a lasting legacy that will inspire our community for generations to come;

*Now, therefore*, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim June 4, 2015 to be a day of recognition for

*Rev. Dr. W.G. Hardy, Jr.*

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

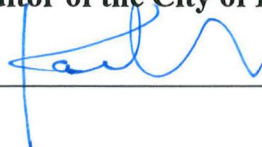
Proclaim June 4, 2015 to be a day of recognition for Rev. Dr. W.G. Hardy, Jr. in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioner Fish)

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MARY HULL CABALLERO  
Auditor of the City of Portland

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