

# Whereas

*Whereas,* in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 13 minutes; and

*Whereas,* suicide is the second leading cause of death among Oregonians aged 15 to 34 years and the eighth leading cause of death in Oregon; and

*Whereas,* over 700 Oregonians tragically lose their lives to suicide each year; and

*Whereas,* Portland loses an average of two citizens a week to suicide; and

*Whereas,* the rate of suicide among Oregonians has been increasing since 2000; and

*Whereas,* agencies and individuals across Oregon as well as Portland are working to prevent suicide; and

*Whereas,* Portlanders are encouraged to learn the warning signs of suicide and get appropriate help for themselves, their families and friends who are at risk;

*Now, Therefore,* I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim September 2015 to be

*Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month*

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

*Charlie Hales*



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(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales)

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