

# Whereas

*Whereas,* The City of Portland holds the health and safety of its citizens as a paramount priority; and

*Whereas,* Portland is a Vision Zero city; and

*Whereas,* Traffic collisions are preventable and there are actions we can all take to reduce and eliminate traffic fatalities and collisions; and

*Whereas,* Distracted driving occurs when drivers engage in activities that divert their attention from the road; and

*Whereas,* The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that each day more than 9 people are killed and over 1,153 people are injured in crashes that involve a distracted driver; and

*Whereas,* Sixty percent of Oregonians use a smartphone; and

*Whereas,* Seventy percent of Americans admit to using their smartphone while driving to text, check email, access social media and use their photo and video tools; and

*Whereas,* The Oregon legislature has taken significant steps over the past five years to prohibit and discourage the use of handheld devices while driving, such as passing House Bill 2377 in 2009, House Bill 3186 in 2011 and Senate Bill 9 in 2013.

*Now, Therefore,* I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim Sept. 19, 2015 to be

*Distraction Free Driving Awareness Day*

In Portland and encourage all residents to observe the importance of this day

*Charlie Hales*




Proclaim September 19, 2015 to be Distraction Free Driving Awareness Day in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioner Novick)

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2. Fish		
3. Saltzman		
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