CITY OF PORTLAND

Whereas, On March 11, 2009 Portland City Council voted to accept a resolution to Declare City support to Peregrine LLC's bid to bring a Major League Soccer Franchise to the City of Portland; and



Whereas, on April 14, 2011 the Portland Timbers played their first home match in front of a sold-out crowd and defeated the Chicago Fire 4-2; and



Whereas, in its first five seasons, the Portland Timbers franchise has sold-out every single home game and cultivated the greatest fan base in sports; and

Whereas, on October 29, 2016 the Portland Timbers defeated Sporting Kansas City at Providence Park in an 11 round shootout that is regarded as the most epic MLS game ever played; and

Whereas, after defeating Cascadia rivals Vancouver Whitecaps and the FC Dallas in rounds 2 & 3 of the playoffs the Timbers advanced to the MLS Cup Final; and

Whereas, on December 6, 2015 in Columbus, Ohio the Portland Timbers became Major League Soccer Champions by defeating the Columbus Crew 2-1; and

Whereas, Portland City Council is grateful of the partnership between the City and the Portland Timbers and thankful to owner Merritt Paulson for his commitment to Portland and codifying our moniker as Soccer City USA;

Now, Therefore, 1, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim January 20th, 2016

2015 MLS Champion Portland Timbers Soccer City

USA Day

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

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Proclaim January 20, 2016 to be 2015 MLS Champion Portland Timbers Soccer City USA Day in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioner Saltzman)

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MARY HULL CABALLERO Auditor of the City of Portland By

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1. Fritz		
2. Fish		
3. Saltzman		
4. Novick		
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