

# Whereas

*Whereas,* Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, a globally renowned humanitarian, spiritual teacher, and Ambassador of Peace, has inspired millions with his teachings, service projects, and focus on the traditions and benefits of yoga and meditation; the mission of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is to uplift human values by transforming individuals; which in-turn transforms society; and his vision is a stress-free and violence-free society, and he accomplishes his goals with travels around the world sharing his messages; and he has established organizations to carry out the mission and assist in providing solutions to international concerns; and

*Whereas,* Sri Sri Ravi Shankar founded the Art of Living Foundation in 1981 and the International Association for Human Values in 1997, which are international non-profit educational and humanitarian organizations active in over 150 countries, and are among the world's largest volunteer-based associations having contributed more than one hundred million hours in programs for community development, stress management, uplifting human values through service, and major disaster and trauma relief efforts globally; and the Art of Living Foundations' Portland Chapter has conducted Meditation, Pranayama, and Yoga workshops for over 15 years to teach the local community practical solutions for sustainable happiness, achieving peace of mind, improving health, and enhancing quality of life; and

*Whereas,* the Art of Living Foundations' Portland Chapter has partnered with local businesses and universities to conduct seminars and master classes that enable employees and students to achieve high levels of productivity while maintaining work-life balance; the Art of Living Foundations' Portland Chapter has been actively involved in numerous volunteer-based service projects that benefit the local society; and the Art of Living Foundations' Portland Chapter, with the goal of making Portland a more peaceful, happy, stress-free, and violence-free city that will set an example for the entire nation, is hosting Get Happy Portland with Sri Sri Ravi Shankar on July 5- July 6, 2016 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon; and the event provides a rare opportunity for attendees to meditate and discover secrets to long-lasting happiness using ancient techniques;

*Now, Therefore,* I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim July 5 - July 6, 2016 to be

*Happiness Day with Sri Sri Ravi Shankar*

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

*Charlie Hales*



Proclaim <sup>July</sup> ~~June~~ 5-6, 2016 to be Happiness Day with Sri Sri Ravi Shankar in  
Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Hales)

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