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Whereas, PHAME was founded in 1984, it has empowered hundreds of adults with developmental disabilities to lead full, creative lives. PHAME is a school of the arts for adults with developmental disabilities that focuses arts education, performance and community. Taught by exceptional working artists, PHAME's classes explore every arts discipline including visual arts, writing, acting, music, and dance—courses range from Choir to Fashion Design to iPad Ensemble, an orchestra that uses iPads as adaptive instruments. PHAME's performances delight and move audiences around our city, and PHAME's community-building activities unite students as they create art together. PHAME's work also reduces stigma around disability and encourages Portland's creative community to welcome and include people with disabilities.

Whereas, PHAME provides arts opportunities, PHAME gives people with developmental disabilities the chance to do many things: discover and nurture their artistic talents, gain real-world skills, build self-confidence, socialize, and connect with others who share their experience of disability and those who do not.

Whereas, PHAME's programs require and reward quality artistic work, bucking the trend of persistently low expectations set for people with I/DD, PHAME's programs offer the same opportunity other artists have to stretch themselves and earn recognition from audiences. As PHAME students develop their artistic talents, they learn to advocate for themselves and their vision, making themselves known as vital members of our thriving Portland community.

Whereas, The Poet's Shadow, PHAME's original rock opera created by adults with developmental disabilities, represents a new art form in our city, we recognize the contributions of people with disabilities to the arts. Created through a partnership with Portland Opera, PHAME's groundbreaking work centers the voices and artistic efforts of people who have traditionally been marginalized in the arts and in all areas of our society, to the point where many people with developmental disabilities have not been welcomed even in the audience, let alone on stage or in shaping the words, music or feel of the story.

Whereas, artists with developmental disabilities have the opportunity to share their talents through The Poet's Shadow and every artistic work produced at PHAME, The City of Portland shares PHAME's belief that art is for everyone; community is for everyone; and excellence is for everyone

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim July 31st, 2019 to be

PHAME Day

In Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

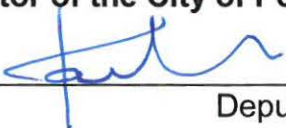
Proclaim July 31, 2019 to be PHAME Day
(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Eudaly)

JUL 31 2019

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MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

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3. Hardesty		
4. Eudaly		
Wheeler		