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## 519-2024

Proclamation

### Proclaim June 12, 2024 to be Shadowmachine Studios Day

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Whereas, culture, creativity, and the arts fuel our economy, nurture the spirits of our citizenry, and shape Portland's identity; and

Whereas, the City of Portland acknowledges the significant impact of the animation industry and the imaginative work Shadowmachine has created, which in turn has created jobs in our community, sparked creativity in our city, and brought international recognition to the medium of stop motion animation; and

Whereas, the late Mark Gustafson, a pioneer in the animation world made Portland, Oregon, his personal and professional home; and

Whereas, Mark Gustafson's contributions to both the animation community and to the entertainment community at large were varied and notable; and

Whereas, Mark Gustafson's work with Will Vinton Studios, and Shadowmachine helped cement Portland as one of the epicenter's for stop motion animation, working on projects such as *The Adventures of Mark Twain*, *Meet The Raisins*, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, and the Academy Award-winning Guillermo del Toro's *Pinocchio*; and

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#### Introduced by

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#);  
[Commissioner Carmen Rubio](#);  
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#### Requested Agenda Type

Regular

#### Date and Time Information

##### Requested Council Date

June 12, 2024

##### Time Requested

20 minutes

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In Portland and encourage all Portlanders to celebrate their contributions.

## Documents and Exhibits

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