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Proclamation

Proclaim August 24, 2024 to be Day of Excellence in Knife Manufacturing

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Whereas, Portland's knife manufacturing strength is evident by over 50% of knives sold in the US being made in Portland metro; and

Whereas, Portland metro has the highest concentration of knife and hand-tool companies in the country; and

Whereas, Portland metro employs over 1200 people in the knife and hand tool industry; and

Whereas, there is a deep history of knife making in Portland metro, with the first formal knife makers establishing here in the 1930s; and

Whereas, knife making interest, talent, and craftsmanship is a natural complement to Portland's reputation as an outdoor and culinary hub; and

Whereas, the CEOs of five of leading knife manufacturing companies in the Portland Metro area – Gerber, Benchmade, CRKT, Leatherman, and STEELPORT Knife Co. – joined together, although competitors, to found an official Portland Knife Center of Excellence in 2024; and

Whereas, one of the Portland Knife Center of Excellence's objectives is to bring global awareness to Portland as a destination to connect and celebrate the passionate knife manufacturing community while building pride in American craft, education, and innovation; and

Whereas, August 24 is considered "National Knife Day," and Portland Knife Center of Excellence will be hosting a showcase event of Portland's knifemakers and the history of local knife manufacturing on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at the STEELPORT Knife Co. Factory.

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim August 24, 2024, to be

Day of Excellence in Knife Manufacturing

in Portland and encourage all residents to celebrate their contributions.

Introduced by

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