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Whereas

Whereas, the United States National Women's Soccer League was officially launched in November 2012; and

Whereas, the City of Portland is honored to welcome our own professional women's team, Portland Thorns FC, to the Rose City; and

Whereas, on April 13, 2013 the Thorns will play their season-opening match against FC Kansas City; and

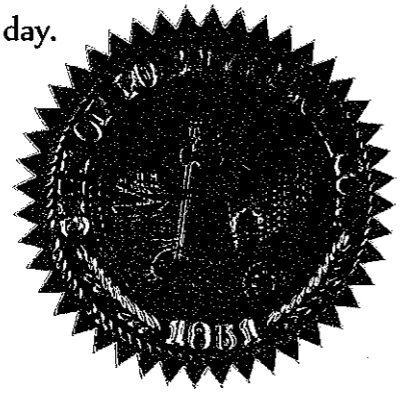
Whereas, they will play their first season home match at JELD-WEN Field on April 21, 2013 against the Seattle Reign; and

Whereas, the Portland Thorns include world-class athletes from the U.S. Women's National Team, the Canadian National Team, and the University of Portland Pilots; and

Whereas, Portland's passion for soccer at the recreation, youth, adult, club, high school, college and professional levels has earned us a national reputation as "Soccer City USA"; and

Whereas, members of the Portland Thorns are an inspiration to young athletes across America, including the more than 10,000 youth soccer players in Portland, serving as role models on and off the pitch;

Now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses" and "Soccer City USA" do herby proclaim April 10, 2013 to be a day of recognition for

Portland Thorns FC

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