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Whereas, the Hispanic Heritage of the United States historically extends over five centuries, which has been a consistent and vital influence in our country's growth and prosperity; and

Whereas, Portland has one of the highest Hispanic populations in the state with an estimated 59,000 residents from more than 20 Spanish speaking countries; and

Whereas, the Hispanic residents of Portland provide the entire community with culturally rich information centers and associations, top-rated media outlets, thriving businesses, outstanding artists and theaters as well as nationally recognized festivals; and

Whereas, Portland is proud to continue its working relationship with the Hispanic Chamber, which works with all members of the community to support the economic advancement of Hispanic businesses, resulting in increased median income of Hispanic households, reduced poverty rates for Latinos and increased livability for all Portlanders

Whereas, Portland proudly continues its sister city relationship with Guadalajara, Mexico; and

Whereas, Hispanic Heritage contributes to our diversity, thus enriching life in culture, cuisine, the arts, business, community, civic leadership and education.

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2011 to be

Hispanic Heritage Month

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month

