

Whereas

Whereas, residents of this region know that its greatness and success is a direct result of all residents, regardless of gender, making creative, intelligent, and revolutionary contributions to society; and

Whereas, women have been historically underrepresented, yet have played and continue to play important roles internationally, nationally, regionally, and locally in furthering knowledge and promoting positive social change; and

Whereas, to foster the next generation of women, the City of Portland seeks to encourage and support professional, educational, and social opportunities for women in order to ensure that opportunities that may not have existed in the past are available in the present and into the future; and

Whereas, Women's History Month is a time for all Portlanders to remember the stories and teachings of the many women who made and continue to make improvements for the livability of the City, region, and world; and

Whereas, during Women's History Month all Americans are encouraged to reflect on past victories and struggles of women to create a society where our daughters can reach their full potential, unobstructed by gender;

Now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim March 1 to March 31, 2013 to be

Women's History Month

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

Charlie Hales

