

# Whereas

*Whereas,* Addiction is a chronic disease, often requiring multiple episodes of care and a lifetime of support; and

*Whereas,* Addiction is a treatable condition, as exemplified by the millions of people who identify as in recovery; and

*Whereas,* According to SAMHSA, Oregon ranks 50<sup>th</sup> in access to addiction treatment; and

*Whereas,* According to an EcoNorthwest analysis, untreated addiction costs Oregon Taxpayers \$5.9 billion annually; and

*Whereas,* Five Oregonians die each day in alcohol-related deaths and one to two Oregonians die each day from drug-overdoses; and

*Whereas,* More than 2,100 people die each year in Oregon from untreated addiction; and

*Whereas,* Addiction disproportionately impacts marginalized and underserved populations, including veterans, rural populations, native communities, the LGBTQ+ community, and communities of color;

*Whereas,* The City of Portland supports addiction services in conjunction with its efforts to reduce homelessness and recidivism through the Portland Housing Bureau, Joint Office of Homeless Services, and Portland Police Bureau; and

*Whereas,* The legislature has tasked the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission with producing a strategic plan to address addiction in the state of Oregon; and

*Whereas,* Oregon will be the first state to measure a “recovery rate,” a metric which can be used to track the success of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission’s strategic plan;

*Now, therefore,* I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim September of 2019 to be

## *Recovery Month*

In Portland and call upon our partners across the state and nationally to take steps to reduce our untreated addiction rate and provide public health support and services for individuals experiencing addiction issues.