

# Whereas

*Whereas*, Ron Steen, a native of Portland, OR his entire life, and, professional career, serving as a mentor to many local musicians, and has been inducted into the Jazz Society of Oregon Hall of Fame and Oregon Music Hall of Fame; and

*Whereas*, Steen has consistently maintained an active weekly jam session in the Portland jazz community for over forty years, earning the title “The Godfather of Jazz Jams” in Portland; and

*Whereas*, Steen has shared his talent and love of jazz as a bandleader and drummer with acclaimed jazz musicians, alongside aspiring jazz musicians, imparting the values, tenets and culture of jazz. He is a true Portland Jazz Master as recognized by the PDX Jazz Festival; and

*Whereas*, Steen has served as a unifying thread, connecting musicians, audiences, students and jazz stages throughout his career, a mission he fulfills to this day; and

*Whereas*, as Steen states, “It is an honor to have played jazz in Portland over several decades with a vast array of amazingly gifted musicians who are so dear to me. I truly share this award with all of them.”

*Now, therefore*, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim February 26, 2021 to be

*Portland Jazz Master Day*

In Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

Proclaim February 26, 2021 to be Portland Jazz Master Day  
(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

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