

Whereas

Whereas, wild salmon and steelhead have been a source of life, food, and ceremony for the Indigenous People of this land since time immemorial; sustain nearly 150 species of fish and wildlife that depend on them; are an indicator of clean and healthy rivers; and are a symbol of a vibrant, resilient, livable city; and

Whereas, wild salmon and steelhead in Portland were on the brink of extinction and remain in perilous condition in the face of continued habitat degradation, overharvest, competition from hatchery fish and other invasive fish, and climate change; and

Whereas, all salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River and Willamette River rely on Portland's rivers and streams to survive their journeys to and from the ocean; and since 2000, the City of Portland has committed to helping recover these wild salmon and steelhead; and

Whereas, the City of Portland envisions a future for salmon and steelhead by establishing strong land use laws under the Comprehensive Plan, acquiring and protecting remaining natural areas, and providing educational and stewardship opportunities for Portlanders; and

Whereas, salmon are returning to Portland's rivers and streams; and

Whereas, continual recovery in a climate changing future will require numerous sanctuaries of refuge that provide cold, clean water, suitable habitat, abundant food and shelter, and plentiful spawning areas safe from predation and competition; and

Whereas, Portland will continue improving and restoring these salmon sanctuaries across the city's urban watersheds to support salmon recovery; and

Whereas, together with our partners and the community, we will celebrate these successes in salmon sanctuaries at the Salmon Celebration at Westmoreland Park on September, 24, 2017

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim September 24, 2107 to be

First Annual Salmon in our City Day

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

In honor of this day,

do hereby declare Crystal Springs Creek to be the first *Salmon Sanctuary*.



