Whereas, in 2009 the City of Portland and Multnomah County co-sponsored ReUse Week, a celebration of the principles of reuse, sustainability, and community-building and the local organizations which bring them to life; and

Whereas, our relationship with partner organizations Community Warehouse, Free Geek, the Habitat ReStore, the ReBuilding Center, SCRAP, and Schoolhouse Supplies continues to grow; and

Whereas, the newly-formed ReUse PDX, a consortium of reuse non-profits in the Portland area, will allow for greater coordination among these groups and will further their collective mission of promoting reuse to serve our community; and

Whereas, the highlight of ReUse Week 2010 will be the Choose 2 ReUse Fair Saturday June 12, from noon – 4:00 pm in the ReBuilding Center parking lot on N Mississippi Avenue; and

Whereas, reuse conserves scarce and precious natural resources, diverts a wide variety of materials from the waste stream, gives new life to goods and materials, and is an invaluable tool in helping improve the lives of some of our most vulnerable residents; and

Whereas, these organizations annually divert tens of thousands of pounds of waste from landfills, refurbished more than 15,000 computers and have provided $11.5 million worth of supplies to local schools since 1999; and

Whereas, ReUse Week 2010 and ReUse PDX, together with the Portland City Council and Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, will work to promote the value of reuse in our community and increase its understanding and practice in Portland and Multnomah County;

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim June 9 – 15, 2010 as ReUse Week in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this week.