

## **RESOLUTION No. 36675**

Commend Bureau of Housing and Community Development, Portland Office of Emergency Management, Portland Parks and Recreation and all agencies that worked with the City to provide shelter for populations experiencing homelessness during the Winter Storm Event of 2008. (Resolution)

WHEREAS, The City of Portland has an obligation to protect its most vulnerable residents and acting upon forecast weather conditions that pose an immediate danger to the life and health of unsheltered people, especially those afflicted with conditions that render them particularly susceptible to ill effects in inclement weather.

WHEREAS, the Portland City Council has adopted a 10-year Plan to End Homelessness. In support of this strategy, BHCD has been tasked with efforts to protect vulnerable populations while taking concerted action to house those homeless at greatest risk of mortality and morbidity;

WHEREAS, Bureau of Housing and Community Development, TriMet, 2-1-1 Info, JOIN, Red Cross, Hands-On-Greater-Portland, Transition Projects, Inc., Salvation Army, Portland Foursquare Church, Central City Concern, City Team Ministries, Portland Rescue Mission, Janus Youth Programs, Human Solutions, Union Gospel Mission, St. Francis Dining Hall, Can We Help? (a service of Father's House City Ministries), the Oregon Food Bank and hundreds of volunteers provided services for the children, women, men and animals that needed shelter, warmth and food during the storm; and

WHEREAS; the Bureau of Housing and Community Development, along with Portland Office of Emergency Management, coordinated and monitored eight seasonal and emergency warming shelters, providing refuge for as many as 500 people daily between Dec 14 and Dec 26<sup>th</sup>;and

WHEREAS, Portland Parks and Recreation ensured that Sr. citizen meal programs and day care continued to be provided at their Community Centers; and

WHEREAS, BHCD Director William White, Homelessness Program Manager Sally Erickson, and Homeless Program Coordinator Ryan Deibert and Parks Director Zari Santner are recognized as new partners in emergency management and are commended for their service to the community and their application of their resources to reduce life threatening conditions in our communities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Portland commends the Bureaus of Parks and Recreation and Housing and Community Development and their employees for their involvement in the natural hazard response of the City and for their coordination with the other bureaus to maximize the employment of resources for the public's welfare; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council extends it appreciation and pledge of partnership to the many agencies that collaborated to bring aid to our communities during this holiday season.

Adopted by the Council: February 04, 2009

Commissioner Fish

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Auditor of the City of Portland

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BACKING SHEET INFORMATION

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COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	YEAS	NAYS
FISH	X	
FRITZ	X	
LEONARD	X	
SALTZMAN	===	===
ADAMS	X	