

Whereas , after representing the United States in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany, the United States Women's National Team received a hero's welcome for its world-class performance on a global stage; and

Whereas , the U.S. Women are currently ranked #1 in the world by FIFA; and

Whereas , Portland is honored to welcome the U.S. Women's National Team back to the Rose City; and

Whereas , on September 21 the team will hold a practice at noon at Jeld-Wen Field that is open to the public, to be followed on September 22 by an evening exhibition match against the Canadian Women's National Team; and

Whereas , Portland's passion for soccer at the recreation, youth, club, high school, college and professional levels has earned us a national reputation as "Soccer City USA"; and

Whereas , Portland is proud of its local connection to the U.S. Women's team, which includes former University of Portland Pilots Megan Rapinoe and Stephanie Cox; and

Whereas , members of the U.S. Women's team are an inspiration to young athletes across America, including the more than 10,000 youth soccer players in Portland, serving as role models on and off the pitch;

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 21, 2011 to be

a Day of Recognition for the U.S. Women's National Team

in Portland, recognizing the many ways these world-class athletes contribute to our community, congratulating the team on its remarkable successes, and encouraging Portlanders to make healthy outdoor activity part of their regular routine.