Whereas May 2013 is National Older Americans Month; and

Whereas, this year’s theme of “Unleash the Power of Age” acknowledges the many important contributions of older adults to our community; and

Whereas, by the year 2030, one quarter of Multnomah County residents will be 60 years and older; and

Whereas, older Americans are vital members of our community, sharing their experiences, skills, knowledge and wisdom; and

Whereas, our older Americans serve as volunteers, mentors and fully engaged contributors to the arts, culture, civic engagement and workplace; and

Whereas, the City of Portland values and supports the need to provide affordable, safe and accessible housing for all generations; and

Whereas, the City contributes to the overall well being of older adults through Portland Parks & Recreation, including Loaves and Fishes and Senior Recreation; and

Whereas, the City values and celebrates the strong partnerships with Elders in Action, Multnomah County, and non-profits who serve the needs of older adults; and

Whereas, the City of Portland encourages opportunities for leadership among our older Americans to “Unleash the Power of Age” and to enhance our community;

Now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim May 2013 to be

Older Americans Month

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month and support our older citizens who contribute greatly to our community.

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