Whereas, high school athletics encourage high academic standards, interpersonal skills, and help students become well-rounded individuals; and

Whereas, athletics promote healthy bodies and strong minds, and build strong leadership skills; and

Whereas, state-level championship competitions encourage students to display sportsmanship, teamwork, and individuals skills; and

Whereas, the Jefferson High School Men’s Basketball Team earned first place in the 2013 5A State Basketball Championship; and

Whereas, the team’s accomplishments are a source of pride to the extended Jefferson family, including teachers, alumni, current students, and their parents; and

Whereas, the Jefferson team’s success brings honor and distinction to Portland Public Schools, the city of Portland, the Humboldt neighborhood, and the state of Oregon;

Whereas, the Jefferson Men’s Basketball Team has been supported by Jefferson High School Principal Margaret Calvert, Athletic Director Jacque Sage, Head Coach Pat Strickland, Assistant Coaches Dale Baugh, Richard Fortson, Donell Morgan, and Duray Thirdgill, family members, and friends; and

Whereas, the Jefferson High School Men’s Basketball Team includes the following student athletes: Silas Melson, Dario Papa-Vicente, Denio Papa-Vicente, Kadeem Strickland, Gabe Garrett, Quintus Hall, Jr., Victor Sanders, Jamartae Brown, Deavante Paschal, Hayden Hall, and Sundiata Edwards;

Now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim May 8, 2013 to be a day of recognition for

Jefferson High School’s Men’s Basketball Team

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

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