Whereas culture draws us together in common purpose, understanding and celebration; and

Whereas Oregon’s 1,300 arts, heritage and humanities nonprofits – museums, libraries, theaters, historical societies, arts centers and heritage sites – are the heart of our communities; and

Whereas the Oregon Cultural Trust presents Oregon Days of Culture, October 1 – 8, during National Arts and Humanities month, to encourage Oregonians to Celebrate! Participate! and Give! to Oregon culture; and

Whereas Oregon Days of Culture celebrates the vibrancy of the arts, heritage, and humanities in Oregon; and

Whereas the Oregon Cultural Trust is a product of smart public policy and an example of what makes Oregon a proud thought-leader nationwide; and

Whereas supporting cultural nonprofits and the Oregon Cultural Trust is vital to preserving the past, sustaining the present and creating the future;

Now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim October 1 through October 8, 2013 to be

Oregon Days of Culture

in Portland, and call upon Portlanders to participate in Oregon culture, to celebrate its vibrancy and depth, and to help ensure the future vitality of the arts, heritage and humanities organizations.

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