

Whereas

Whereas, Susan Emmons has served as Executive Director of Northwest Pilot Project since 1987; and

Whereas, Susan has announced that she will retire on October 31st, 2016; and

Whereas, Northwest Pilot Project is a mission-driven, non-profit community partner helping low-income older adults secure affordable homes and connect with critical services; and

Whereas, Susan's thirty-one years of public service have been marked by deep empathy and compassion for our most vulnerable residents and a deep conviction about their importance to the health of our community; and

Whereas, Under Susan's leadership, Northwest Pilot Project has led numerous advocacy efforts to replace, preserve, and develop affordable housing for our City's most vulnerable residents, including partnering with the City on the 11x13 campaign to save eleven affordable buildings before they were converted to market-rate rents upon the expiration of a key federal subsidy; and

Whereas, Susan represented Portland and Multnomah County as Chair of the Housing and Community Development Commission for three years; and

Whereas, Susan's service and leadership have been recognized locally and nationally. Her honors include a Volunteer Action Award from President George H. W. Bush and the Excellence in Housing Award from the Oregon State Housing Council, and the Gretchen Miller Kafoury Award for Community Development; and

Whereas, Susan is above all a champion for older adults who are often without a voice;

Now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim October 22nd, 2016 to be

Susan Emmons Day

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

