

# Whereas

*Whereas*, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

*Whereas*, Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

*Whereas*, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Services with leading this effort; and

*Whereas*, since 1994 millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

*Whereas*, serving on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, meet local and national needs, bring our citizens together, and strengthen our communities and nation; and

*Whereas*, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a natural day of service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

*Whereas*, Portlanders have many opportunities to participate in the King Day of Service, January 17, 2010, as well as create and implement community service projects where they identify the need;

*Now, therefore*, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim January 17, 2011 to be

## *Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service*

in Portland, and encourage all residents to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and throughout the year.

