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STATEMENT FROM CHIEF REESE

We are pleased to be standing here today with all of the parties involved in the DOJ settlement agreement. I want to thank the DOJ, the US Attorney for Oregon Amanda Marshall, Mayor Charlie Hales and his staff, the City Attorney's Office—especially Ellen Osoinach—the leadership of the PPA and the AMA for all their hard work to get to this point.

Throughout this process, we have remained committed to continuing to move forward and make significant improvements. Over the last year, the Police Bureau has implemented new force policies and training, including requiring a sergeant to respond to the scene of every force incident to conduct an investigation. That investigation is then reviewed again by a newly created position—an Inspector—who analyzes them for trends and issues regarding policy.

I'm extremely proud of the creation of our Behavioral Health Unit—some of their members are here today. They have implemented the Enhanced Crisis Intervention Team training and brought our resources together to strengthen the Bureau's ability to provide service to the most

vulnerable people in our community. I want to recognize our partners in the mental health community, including Dr. Derald Walker of Cascadia, Shannon Pullen from the National Alliance on Mental Illness and Tom Parker from Lines for Life, who have supported our efforts to enhance our services.

But there's still progress to be made. When this process is completed, we are committed to making the reforms outlined in the agreement.

Finally, I'm humbled to work with the members of the Portland Police Bureau who have demonstrated their dedication to continuous improvement. They do extraordinary work each and every day and they have my deepest appreciation.