

# PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the City of Portland is committed to a **prosperous, equitable, healthy, resilient city** now and for future generations.

Whereas, the City of Portland has established a goal to meet **100 percent of community-wide energy needs in all sectors with renewable energy by 2050**, including a nearer-term goal of 100 percent renewable electricity by 2035 (Resolution No. 37289).

Whereas, the City of Portland has a **long history of adopting plans to reduce carbon emissions**, including the 1990 Energy Policy (Ordinance No. 162975), 1993 Carbon Dioxide Reduction Strategy (Resolution No. 35207), 2001 Local Action Plan on Global Warming (Resolution No. 35995), 2009 Climate Action Plan (Resolution No. 36748), and 2015 Climate Action Plan (Resolution No. 37135).

Whereas, **producing electricity from clean energy sources** like wind, solar, geothermal, and biogas is a key strategy in advancing sustainability in Portland, supporting local job creation, energy security, and reducing carbon emissions, the primary cause of global climate change.

Whereas, the **City was an early participant in green power programs** of Portland General Electric and Pacific Power and currently produces about 9 percent of all its electricity use from on-site renewable resources, including solar and wind power, microhydro and biogas.

Whereas, **residents and small business owners in the city of Portland have the ability to make a difference** to the quality of the environment by selecting green power options that avoid air pollution and avoid emissions of greenhouse gases.

Whereas, **Portland's residents and businesses are national leaders in supporting renewable energy**, with more than 25 percent of Portland customers of Portland General Electric and Pacific Power currently voluntarily participating in green power programs.

Whereas, the **City of Portland, partnering with Oregon's two largest utilities, Pacific Power and Portland General Electric, seeks to increase the citywide participation level of renewable green power by 2,600 new enrollees from July 1 to August 31, 2018.**

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 18, 2018:

## THE GREEN POWER CHALLENGE KICKOFF

**and call upon local residents and business to sign up for green power and to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in making our city and our Earth a healthier place to live.**

