Whereas, on March 10, 2010, Tibetans throughout the world will be observing the Tibetan National Day to honor the Tibetans who died in their struggle for freedom and to reaffirm the independence of Tibet; and

Whereas, the suppression of unique and ancient culture, human rights and freedom of Tibet continues to be viewed with concern by all freedom-loving people everywhere; and

Whereas, the Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association is a non-profit organization to preserve, promote and continue Tibetan culture and traditions throughout Oregon and southwest Washington; and

Whereas, today we join the Tibetan community in Oregon to commemorate the 51st anniversary of Tibetan National Day and to show solidarity with the people of Tibet; and

Whereas, on March 10, 2010, there will be a celebration in partnership with the Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association at Portland City Hall to observe Tibetan National Day; and

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 10, 2010 to be

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in Portland, and may this celebration continue to be a tradition in this city.