

# Whereas

*Whereas,* the Portland City Council and our partners at Multnomah County, Age-Friendly Portland, Elders in Action, Portland State University, SAGE and AARP Oregon, are committed to a shared vision of a Portland that is welcoming and inclusive to people of all ages and abilities; and

*Whereas,* Portland is proud to be one of the nine original cities accepted into the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Global Network, the only city from the United States; and

*Whereas,* the City of Portland supports livable communities for people of all ages, and continues to support the work of implementing the Age-Friendly Portland Action Plan; and

*Whereas,* as Portland's population grows older, and the cost of living rises, the City of Portland is committed to supporting efforts that ensure older adults are able to continue to afford to live here and age in place; and

*Whereas,* older adults play a respected and invaluable role in our community by contributing their time and energy to help redefine what it means to age, by providing mentorships, starting businesses, getting actively involved in their neighborhoods, volunteering their time in schools and on causes, and pushing us to challenge our concepts of getting older; and

*Whereas,* communities flourish when people of all ages contribute their experiences, their time, their respect, and their service; and

*Now, therefore,* I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim May 2018 to be

## *Older Americans Month*

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

