

CITY OF  
PORTLAND

*Whereas*

*Whereas*, the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Portland, Oregon is *the* organization where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement; and

*Whereas*, the LWV is a nonpartisan political organization, that has fought since 1920 to improve our system of government and impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy; and

*Whereas*, league members are constantly striving to serve their communities to make strong, safe, fair and vibrant places to live; and

*Whereas*, the League of Women Voters of Portland believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States; and

*Whereas*, the League of Women Voters of Portland has always worked to promote the values and processes of representative government; and

*Whereas*, the League of Women Voters of Portland collaborates with other organizations to achieve mutual goals, increase civic participation, create lasting change in the community and to *Make Democracy Work*; and

*Whereas*, the League, for 90 years, has held the public trust by respectfully bringing elected leaders and the public together through non-partisan, civil means and through thoughtfully advancing solutions; and

*Whereas*, this community has benefited tremendously from the countless volunteer hours donated by League members over its 90 year history of enhancing our democracy;

*Now, Therefore*, I, Sam Adams Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses", do hereby proclaim the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010, as

*"LWV Making Democracy Work Day"*

in honor of the League of Women Voters 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and urge all residents of Portland, Oregon, to pay great tribute and respect to the League of Women Voters for all they do to make our community healthy, vibrant and strong.

*Sam Adams*

