

CITY OF
PORTLAND

Whereas

Whereas, in November 1998, Oregon voters passed into law the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act, allowing Oregonians suffering from debilitating medical conditions to use marijuana as medicine; and

Whereas, currently, nearly 25,000 patients are enrolled and over 2,900 doctors have provided recommendations for patients' utilization of medical marijuana; and

Whereas, thirteen states have passed laws allowing for chronically and seriously ill patients to use cannabis with the approval of their physicians; and

Whereas, on September 6, 1988, the Drug Enforcement Administration's own Administrative Law Judge, Francis L. Young, ruled that Marijuana, in its natural form, is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known; and

Whereas, there are over 17,000 published scientific studies on the therapeutic values of cannabis and cannabinoids in the National Library of Medicine, and, there are over 2,600 patents filed for the medical use of cannabinoids in the United States Patent office; and

Whereas, pre-clinical and clinical trials indicate that cannabinoids are useful in controlling Alzheimer's Disease, Cancer, Chronic Pain, Diabetes, G.I. Disorders, Hepatitis C, Multiple Sclerosis, Osteoporosis, Pruritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, and Sleep Apnea; and

Whereas, marijuana has a history of thousands of years of safe use without any recorded deaths attributed to its use, and, all citizens deserve to know the truth about cannabis,

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, "the City of Roses" do hereby proclaim the month of May 2009 as

Medical Marijuana Awareness Month

in Portland and encourage all residents to join in this month of observance.

