

CITY OF  
PORTLAND

*Whereas*, the City of Portland is committed to sustainability throughout the community and in its own operations and accepts its responsibility to:

- Support a stable, diverse and equitable economy;
- Protect the quality of the air, water, land and other natural resources; and

*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; and

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

*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 reduce air pollution and reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses; and

*Whereas*, Portland's citizens and businesses are national leaders in supporting renewable energy, with more than 40,000 Portland customers of Portland General Electric and Pacific Power currently voluntarily participating in green power programs; and

*Whereas*, Portland, partnering with Oregon's two largest utilities, Pacific Power and Portland General Electric (PGE), seeks to increase the citywide participation level of renewable green power by 1,000 new enrollees from August 1 to September 30, 2010; and

*Whereas*, the City of Portland was a founding member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy's Green Power Partnership and the first city to be awarded the Partner of the Year designation; and

*Whereas*, this will be the largest Green Power Challenge in the United States;

*Now, Therefore*, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses" do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, the

*Green Power Challenge Kickoff*

and call upon local residents and businesses 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.

