

# Whereas

*Whereas*, Americans are served every single day by public servants at the federal, state, county and city levels. These unsung heroes do the work that keeps our nation working; and

*Whereas*, public employees take not only jobs, but oaths;

*Whereas*, many public servants, including military personnel, police officers, firefighters, border patrol officers, embassy employees, health care professionals and others, risk their lives each day in service to the people of the United States and around the world;

*Whereas*, public servants include teachers, doctors and scientists, train conductors and astronauts, nurses, safety inspectors, laborers, computer technicians, social workers and countless other occupations. Day in and day out they provide the diverse services demanded by the American people of their government with efficiency and integrity; and

*Whereas*, without these public servants at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials;

*Now, therefore*, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim May 1 through May 7, 2011 to be

## *Public Service Recognition Week*

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

