

CITY OF
PORTLAND

Whereas

Whereas, Senator Margaret Carter became the first African American woman elected to the Oregon State House of Representatives in 1984; and

Whereas, Senator Carter served in the Oregon House and Senate for 25 years, becoming one of Oregon's most influential elected officials; and

Whereas, Senator Carter's skills as a bi-partisan, collaborative, and community-minded public servant have yielded countless benefits for the residents of Portland and Oregon; and

Whereas, Senator Carter is an inspirational leader and role model for women all over Oregon; and

Whereas, Senator Carter's career is defined by her relentless fight for equality and her courage in providing underrepresented residents access to their government; and

Whereas, Senator Carter knows no peer in her advocacy for children, senior citizens, and working families; and

Whereas, two of Oregon's most prominent youth-centered programs, the Oregon Head Start Program and the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, were made possible by Senator Carter; and

Whereas, Portland Community College dedicated the Margaret Carter Skills Center in honor of Senator Carter's service as a counselor and faculty member for over two decades; and

Whereas, Senator Carter successfully balanced life as a mother, grandmother, student, legislator, educator, and community advocate with grace, intelligence and perseverance; and

Whereas, by being a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves and a tireless advocate for health reforms, mental health parity, environmental protection, consumer education, and human dignity and improved quality of life for all Oregonians, Senator Carter's voice will carry on and guide Portlanders and all Oregonians for generations to come;

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim December 16th, 2009 to be

Senator Margaret Carter Day

in Portland, and may this celebration continue to be a tradition in this city.

