

Whereas, Richard Harris has been a transformative leader in the City of Portland; and

Whereas, under Richard's leadership at Central City Concern, thousands of people have recovered from addictions to alcohol and drugs and have obtained affordable housing; and

Whereas, because of Richard's work at Central City Concern, thousands of people have been able to receive quality health care; and

Whereas, under Richard's leadership, Central City Concern has assisted thousands of people to find employment that sustains them and their families; and

Whereas, Richard has provided leadership in implementing innovative solutions to ending homelessness in Portland for 30 years; and

Whereas, these contributions have led to the emergence of Portland as a national model for ending homelessness;

Now, therefore, I, Tom Potter, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby declare November 13, 2008 to be a

Day of Appreciation for Richard Harris

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