

## MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Harrisburg Ministerial Association Week –September 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on a shared vision of justice, freedom, liberty, and equality. Founding Father and third President of the United States Thomas Jefferson wrote in Virginia's 1786 Statute for Religious Freedom, "all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinion in matters of religion." The foundational principle of religious freedom is preserved in the First Amendment to our nation's constitution and protected by those who fight in defense of our country; and,

WHEREAS, the continued preservation of religious freedom requires an active commitment of current and future generations similar to the commitment of our nation's Founders. Furthermore, religious freedom enables the citizens of Harrisburg to worship and practice religion according to their own dictates, including the absence of worship; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisburg has a strong history and tradition of organized religion from its incorporation as a city to today; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisburg welcomes the arrival of Life Bible Church to the community, and encourages their continued support and community involvement; and,

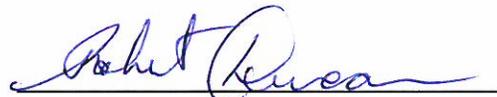
WHEREAS, the City of Harrisburg recognizes and supports the tireless and often thankless efforts of all religious and service organizations in the city; and,

WHEREAS, the Harrisburg Ministerial Association is a partnership of religious organizations that gives presence in the community of the mission of Jesus Christ. The Harrisburg Ministerial Association oversees the operation of God's Storehouse, a center to provide food, clothing, and other life necessities to those in need in our community. The association also coordinates the annual National Day of Prayer event for the community.

WHEREAS, the Harrisburg Ministerial Association has been serving citizens in our community for many years and provides invaluable compassionate care to Harrisburg's most vulnerable populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Duncan, Mayor of the City of Harrisburg do hereby proclaim September 13<sup>th</sup> through September 19<sup>th</sup> as Harrisburg Ministerial Association week in the City of Harrisburg, Oregon. As the Mayor of Harrisburg, I call upon the citizens, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Harrisburg to protect the religious freedoms given us by our nation's Founders and preserved in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

SO PROCLAIMED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015

  
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Mayor Robert Duncan

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Michele Eldridge, City Recorder