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Whereas, Celebrating Woman International (CWI) was founded in 2013, for the purpose of mobilizing and inspiring women across the globe to honor, recognize and celebrate the value of their contributions to community and national development;

Whereas, CWI includes among its goals: uniting, connecting, engaging and inspiring women to honor and celebrate themselves by expanding women's global business and leadership opportunities, the creation of a virtual "Celebrating Woman" worldwide center and hall of honor by 2020, providing a one-of-a-kind global education initiative, which focuses on honoring diversity, and Inspiring a spirit of service and giving among women;

Whereas, during the month of October 2014, CWI will present Inaugural Woman of Excellence Awards to 100 outstanding women for their outstanding accomplishments in arts, business, finance, trade, religion, law, civics, media and sports in The Bahamas, their untiring zeal and selfless commitment to improving the lives of others in their respective communities, and for inspiring others through their own lives and examples;

Whereas, the Celebrating Woman of Excellence Awards International Planning Committee has organized a number of activities and events for the weeks and days leading up to and following the Awards Presentation Luncheon, including the name announcements and unveiling of the 100 outstanding women, a gospel concert, a woman's symposium to be held under the theme, "Are we there yet?", a church service, a fun/run and walk, a one day woman's festival, and a Pink and Red Rose Ball in support of women suffering from HIV/AIDS and cancer around the world;

Now, Therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses", do hereby proclaim September 2014 to be

Women of Excellence Month

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

Charlie Hales

