

Whereas

Whereas, fifty years ago, on October 28, 1965, the Catholic Church released Nostra Aetate ("In Our Time"), a seminal document on the Vatican's relations with non-Christian religious traditions that was unprecedented in the history of Jewish-Christian relations; and

Whereas, some of the most salient points in Nostra Aetate for Jews and Judaism include the repudiation of the charge of deicide against Jews and the condemnation of "all hatreds, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism directed at Jews at any time or from any source;" and

Whereas, the broader faith community of Greater Portland appreciates the groundbreaking step taken by the Holy See in issuing this document and celebrates the courage and vision that made it possible; and

Whereas, the City of Portland has enjoyed a warm and collaborative relationship between its Catholic and Jewish communities; and

Whereas, in honor of Nostra Aetate's half-century anniversary, the Greater Portland Jewish and Catholic communities express their wishes for continued partnership and expanded dialogue as reflected by several decades of close collaboration and mutual respect;

Now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim the day of November 2, 2015 to be

A Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Nostra Aetate

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

Charlie Hales

