

# Whereas

*Whereas,* The United Nations has declared the third Sunday in November as World Day of Remembrance for road traffic victims; and

*Whereas,* The purpose of the day is to remember the many millions of people killed and injured on the world's roads and recognize the families and friends who are affected by these deaths and injuries; and

*Whereas,* The day also recognizes first responders to crashes and thanks them for their service; and

*Whereas,* As of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 42 people have died in traffic crashes in the City of Portland during 2019; and

*Whereas,* The Oregon\SW Washington Families for Safe Streets is comprised of survivors of traffic crashes who wish to prevent others from experiencing the tragedy they endure; and

*Whereas,* Oregon\SW Washington Families for Safe Streets observes World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims and urges Portlanders to take action to prevent the life-altering consequences of traffic deaths and serious injuries; and

*Whereas,* Portland's Vision Zero commitment guides City work to make streets safer and educate Portlanders about the hazards of speeding and dangerous behavior; and

*Whereas,* Ending deadly crashes will require citywide culture change as well as significant investment in infrastructure that improves safety for all; and

*Whereas,* Portlanders can help eliminate traffic deaths by obeying speed limits and traffic signals; looking out for people walking and bicycling; using alternatives to driving when possible; and supporting street improvements that create safer conditions for all road users;

*Now, therefore,* I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses", do hereby proclaim November 17th, 2019 to be

*World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims*  
in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.