

# Whereas

*Whereas,* in an era of corporate-controlled media and fake news, producers from Open Signal, Portland Community Media Center have been stewards of uncensored community storytelling since 1981; and

*Whereas,* Open Signal is the largest public media center in the state of Oregon, community producers have been making use of Open Signal's resources, volunteering thousands upon thousands of hours of their own time to document locally relevant issues in English, Spanish, Farsi, Russian and other languages; and

*Whereas,* Open Signal producers have broadcast a broader range of perspectives than we see in the mainstream media, covering issues of activism, houselessness, the police, family, faith, comedy, experimental art and other topics that would not have a home anywhere else on the television airwaves; and

*Whereas,* these producers lead vital nonprofits like Wisdom of the Elders, Vanport Mosaic and the Flying Focus Video Collective, they are some of the most productive, community-minded and change-making citizens in the City of Portland; and

*Whereas,* at a time when basic liberties are under threat across the United States, community television is one of the last remaining homes for free speech and Open Signal producers are stepping up to boldly share their voices, showing us it's important to communicate, stay connected and be proud of who we are; and

*Now, therefore,* I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim February 14, 2018 to be

## *Producer Day*

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

