

Whereas

Whereas, there are a significant number of Vietnamese-Americans who have chosen to make the City of Portland their home; and

Whereas, Portland's Vietnamese-American community has made substantial contributions to the cultural, religious, political and business life of the City of Portland; and

Whereas, a large number of Portland's Vietnamese-Americans widely embrace the yellow and three red-striped Heritage and Freedom flag as the symbol of the Vietnamese-American community; and

Whereas, it is the will and desire of the Oregon Vietnamese Community Association and its members, to have the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag be recognized as the official flag of their organization; and

Whereas, free Vietnamese people annually commemorate April 30 as "Black April Remembrance Day" to remind our community to remain vigilant in opposition to tyranny in all its forms, to actively support human rights for all peoples and to celebrate the principles of democracy, justice and tolerance by which our nation was founded;

Now, Therefore, I, Tom Potter, Mayor of the City of Portland, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim April 30, 2005 as

Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom Flag Day

and encourage all citizens of the City of Portland to support diversity, tolerance, equality and mutual understanding among peoples of the our region and of the world.

Tom Potter

