

Whereas

Whereas, creative dance is a natural kinesthetic expression in which all people can participate; and

Whereas, creative dance is an embodied, in-the-moment improvisation that shapes the expression of a person's feelings, sensations, thoughts, imagination, and aspirations into a moving aesthetic form; and

Whereas, creative dance connects us to ourselves, our community and our environment; and

Whereas, creative dance provides a way for groups of people to engage in cooperative learning and problem solving through movement; and

Whereas, creative dance serves as a learning laboratory for fostering nonverbal communication skills, collaboration, and positive social interactions for supporting the development of healthy communities; and

Whereas, Portland is the site for this week's 16th Annual Creative Dance Congress of the International Association for Creative Dance; and

Whereas, the International Association for Creative Dance will hold a Community Dance in Peninsula Park at 7 p.m. on June 23; and

Whereas, Cathedral Park, Portland is one site of over fifty Global Water Dances held across the world at 5 p.m. on June 25;

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim June 19 through June 25, 2011 to be

Creative Dance Week

in Portland, and encourage all residents to join in the community creative dances that will take place in Portland this week.

