

CITY OF
PORTLAND

Whereas

Whereas, Write Around Portland was founded in 1999 by Ben Moorad and Liza Halley to transform lives and build community through the power of writing; and

Whereas, more than 2,500 adults and youth, including domestic violence survivors, people with HIV/AIDS, those living with disabilities or mental illness, low income seniors, homeless youth, veterans and many others of the most isolated and financially insecure citizens of Portland have participated in Write Around Portland's acclaimed writing workshops; and

Whereas, Write Around Portland has inspired participants to complete their GEDs, attend college, stick with treatment programs, break cycles of abuse and find value in their stories and in themselves; and

Whereas, Write Around Portland's writing workshops, community readings and 30 published anthologies—offered in partnership with more than 150 social service agencies and with the help of more than 900 volunteers—include some of the most diverse voices and audiences in Portland; and

Whereas, Write Around Portland has been making our city a better place to live for 10 years;

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of Portland, Oregon, do hereby proclaim 2009
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Write Around Portland's 10th Anniversary
in Portland, and commend this observance to all our citizens.

