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Whereas, President F. W. de Klerk, who along with Nelson Mandela co-won the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for the peaceful end of apartheid and the transition of South Africa to democratic rule will visit the City of Portland on February 29, 2012;; and

Whereas, President de Klerk, will speak at a series of events for the Wholistic Peace Institute & Jubitz Family Foundation Nobel Peace Laureate Forum for Preventing War and Ending World Conflicts; and

Whereas, President de Klerk, will address middle school students at Baker Prairie Middle School, one of the 2011 winners of the Harold Schnitzer Spirit of Unity Award, to inspire and encourage them to become peace leaders in their community and a new curriculum on teaching about Nobel Peace Laureates will be introduced; and

Whereas, President de Klerk, will participate in a panel with the Presidents & officials of Concordia University, George Fox University, at the University of Portland on exploring where the leadership will come from to solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and to end the Korean War with Q & A from University students; and

Whereas, President de Klerk, will deliver a Nobel Peace Laureate Lecture at the First Congregational United Church of Christ on the role of leadership during South Africa's transition and on current world peace issues today; and

Whereas, President de Klerk, will also discuss at a dinner for the Wholistic Peace Institute at the Hilton Hotel, why he made the decision to eliminate South Africa's nuclear arsenal, the only country in history to do this and he will be joined by Claes Nobel, senior member of the Swedish Nobel family; and

Whereas, the Wholistic Peace Institute plans to build with University sponsors and foundations a Nobel Peace Laureate Center and World Peace Garden in Portland which would draw Nobel Peace Laureates and world peacemakers here to Portland for extended lengths of time to work with Oregon University faculty and students on world peace issues and to develop Oregon as a world center for resolving world conflicts and preventing war;

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim February 29th, 2012 to be

President E. W. de Klenk Appreciation Day

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

