

Whereas

Whereas, in the aftermath of the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, in the City of New York, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, called for the nation to stand up to terrorism and urged all Americans to visit the City of New York to help in its recovery efforts; and

Whereas, leaders of our community responded by organizing the "Flight For Freedom," in which 1,000 Oregonians participated, paying their respects to the victims of September 11, honoring rescue workers, visiting shops and restaurants, attending the theater, and connecting with New Yorkers; and

Whereas, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks and the inspiring efforts of the original Freedom Fliers who showed the power of a simple gesture and helped get the nation moving again, Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York, and George Pataki, Governor of the State of New York, have invited the Freedom Fliers to return to New York; and

Whereas, leaders of our community responded by organizing Flight For Freedom 2006, in which more than 250 Oregonians will come together to reconnect with New Yorkers, renew friendships, rededicate themselves to freedom, celebrate our diversity, recapture a spirit of unity and rejoice in the strength that is America;

Now, therefore, I, Tom Potter, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim October 6, 2006 to be

Flight for Freedom 2006 Day
in Portland, and encourage all citizens to observe this day.

Tom Potter

