

Whereas

Whereas, Portland's Cascade Festival of African Films (CFAF) is celebrating its 25th Anniversary of showing Africa through African Lenses; and

Whereas, CFAF is the longest-running African film festival in the United States; and

Whereas, CFAF has introduced many thousands of Oregonians to the richness, complexity, and diversity of African peoples and their cultures; and

Whereas, CFAF has created a place where Oregon's growing numbers of immigrants from Africa can share their cultures in a respectful setting; and

Whereas, CFAF has built community by bringing people together to view African films, meet African filmmakers, participate in after-film discussions, and debate issues of personal and global significance, in a forum where open and honest dialogue can flourish; and

Whereas, will feature 34 films from all parts of Africa, ten directors, and a projected audience exceeding 5,000; and

Whereas, CFAF continues to offer the festival free of charge, thanks to the support of its many volunteers and donors, notably Portland Community College, its primary sponsor;

Now, Therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim February 6 through March 5, 2015 to be

Cascade Festival of African Films Month

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

Charlie Hales

