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Whereas, the Portland Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, belonging to the Association of Government Accountants which has more than 14,000 members in over 90 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 95 active members in Portland representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers; and

Whereas, AGA Portland Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as they continue their broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Portland by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements, and

Whereas, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in The Government Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing comprehensive training sessions totaling 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years:

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim the month of March 2009 to be

Certified Government Financial Manager Month

in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

