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Whereas, Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center, founded as the second hospital in the state built on brush and briars in the heart of historic Northwest Portland, has served the community for three centuries. It established the first women's hospital, the Wilcox Women's Hospital built in 1922, which was the first facility of its kind in the state; and

Whereas, Bishop Benjamin Wistar Morris of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon founded the hospital, declaring it would be open to all, regardless of race, color, creed, or religion. Legacy Good Samaritan has been a cornerstone of care since being built on the current location in NW Portland; and

Whereas, Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center has grown to become a hospital known for specialty programs and clinical excellence featuring nationally ranked programs and services to provide leading-edge care, compassion, and innovation in areas like the Legacy Cancer Institute, Legacy Devers Eye Institute, Legacy Gender Care Services, Legacy Transplant Services, Legacy Weight and Diabetes Institute, and the Legacy Rehabilitation Institute of Oregon; and

Whereas, Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center staff continue Bishop Morris's 1875 mission to be good Samaritans to help those in need and serve the community. Over the years, staff have done this through compassionate patient care and acts of kindness to everyone, including the poor and vulnerable, reminding those they serve daily that empathy and kindness are powerful forces for collective well-being and healing; and

Whereas, Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center today is a 220-bed facility employing 2,000 physicians and staff and continuing to serve Portland and its surrounding communities. In commemorating this milestone, the medical center recognizes the evolution of care that has taken place within the walls. What started as an act of faith has blossomed into a legacy of excellence and its commitment to serve generations yet to come; and

Now, therefore, I, Keith Wilson, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim October 9, 2025, to be

Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center Day

in Portland and encourage all to celebrate and recognize its many healthcare professionals, past and present, for their dedication in serving the residents of Oregon for 150 years and for being positioned to do the same today and in the future.

