

Resolve 6 -06/07

Passage: 9/6/06 8-0 (Geraghty absent)

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**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2006
AS NATIONAL SAVE A LIFE MONTH**

WHEREAS, Save a Life Foundation's mission is training and developing people, starting with school children, to be active bystanders equipped with basic life supporting first aid skills to assist during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Save a Life Foundation, utilizes only emergency medical service professionals as instructors to teach basic life supporting first aid techniques to school children, grades K-12 and adults; and

WHEREAS, Basic life supporting first aid techniques, such as CPR, Heimlich maneuver, and the use of the AED are essential in maintaining life prior to EMS arrival; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Conference of Mayors passed a resolution presented by Save A Life Foundation calling for the need for communities to create a Community Response System Initiative (CRSI) committees to encourage citizens including children (grades K-12) to learn life supporting first aid skills in case of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Save A Life Foundation works with local, state and federal government organizations and the private sector to highlight the importance of public emergency response; and

WHEREAS, Save A Life Foundation, an affiliate of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, encourages all municipalities to recognize Save A Life Month in conjunction with Homeland Security's National Preparedness Month, a nationwide effort to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Save A Life Foundation will coordinate this year an awareness campaign for Save A Life Month to promote life supporting first aid training in major cities; and

WHEREAS, The month of September 2006 has been suggested for designation as National Save A Life Month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Portland City Council designates the month of September 2006 as National Save A Life Month.