

# PROCLAMATION

## RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS OF THE ARKHANGELSK SISTER CITY COMMITTEE OF PORTLAND

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**WHEREAS:** On behalf of the citizens of Portland, Maine and the Portland City Council, we extend our best wishes on this special occasion; and

**WHEREAS:** On this celebration marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Arkhangelsk-Portland Sister City relationship, the City of Portland wishes to extend its gratitude Mr. Neal Duffet, Co-Chair, and Mr. Raymond Pelletier, Vice Co-Chair, as well as all of the members of the Arkhangelsk Sister City Committee of Portland for their efforts to preserve our community's strong ties with the City of Arkhangelsk; and

**WHEREAS:** Your work over the past 20 years to sustain this sister city relationship is clearly a tribute to your dedication to honor and celebrate this international goodwill friendship; and

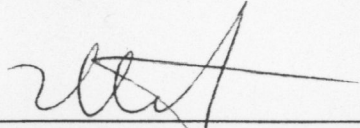
**WHEREAS:** It is our hope that your commitment to strengthen the intercultural relations with the people of Arkhangelsk will continue for many years to come; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Portland expresses sincere appreciation to everyone involved with this program for serving as true ambassadors in this truly unique and very special international relationship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I,** Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr., Mayor of the City of Portland, Maine, and the members of the Portland City Council do hereby recognize the members of the Arkhangelsk Sister City Committee of Portland for their ongoing commitment to the Portland-Arkhangelsk Sister City Program.

Signed and sealed this 11th day of April, 2007



  
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Nicholas M. Mavodones, Jr., Mayor  
City of Portland, Maine