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Whereas, the 2009 Hispanic-White Achievement Gap in Oregon report's purpose is to "explore patterns in achievement growth for these groups so that policy makers can better understand the nature of the gap" and create or change policy to close this gap; and

Whereas, the report highlights that "Oregon's Hispanic Student population faces significant barriers to academic success, as they are twice as likely to be economically disadvantaged and more likely to be taught in schools with inexperienced teachers;" and

Whereas, schools in Oregon have had a substantial increase in Hispanic enrollment; and

Whereas, the fact that Hispanic Students start off behind, but learn at the same rates of other students suggests that investment in support systems is critical; and

Whereas, the Latino Network, the PCC CAMP program and El Programa Hispano are doing phenomenal work to aid in Latino student achievement by providing opportunities for growth, academic support, and mentorship; and

Whereas, the importance of their work, and others in the community who support Hispanic student success cannot go unnoticed; and

Whereas, the success of all youth is critical to the success of our Portland Community;

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim November 18, 2009 to be

A Day of Recognition for Latino student achievement
and their commitment to academic success.

