

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, commencing December 7, 2012 and ending on December 21, 2012, with a special performance in Camas, Washington, on December 1, 2012, the Christmas Ship Parade will be sailing the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, and;

**WHEREAS**, 2012 marks the fifty-eighth year that the annual Christmas Ship Parade has made its voyages part of the Portland Metro area's annual holiday tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbia and Willamette River Christmas Ship Fleets average between fifty-five and sixty boats; and

**WHEREAS**, the boat owners who participate are volunteers who donate their time, resources, and money to continue this holiday tradition enjoyed by generations of families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Willamette Fleet will visit the City of Milwaukie on December 12, December 14, December 17, December 19, and December 21, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the unique characteristics of the Milwaukie riverfront permit those wishing to view the Christmas Ship Fleet to enjoy unparalleled sights and sounds of the boats; and

**WHEREAS**, the response by those viewing the ships at the Milwaukie riverfront is heard and appreciated by the volunteers who give of their time and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Milwaukie is deeply honored to serve as a destination for the Christmas Ships Parade and expresses its appreciation to the volunteers who continue this tradition year after year.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeremy Ferguson, proclaim December 7, 2012 through December 21, 2012 as

### **CHRISTMAS SHIPS PARADE WEEKS**

in the City of Milwaukie and encourage citizens to greet the ships and their owners as they arrive each night at the Milwaukie Boat Ramp and to experience this very special holiday tradition so enjoyed by generations of families.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this

4<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Ferguson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeremy" and last name "Ferguson" clearly distinguishable.

Jeremy Ferguson, Mayor