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Office of the Mayor Michael F. Brennan

To:

National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards

From:

Michael Brennan, Mayor of Portland

Date:

February 4, 2013

RE:

Letter of Support

Dear Sir or Madame:

As Mayor of Portland I am writing this letter of strong support for the Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus, an inspiration to all those who hear this group. The chorus is comprised of young women from Cambodia, China, Congo, El Salvador, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, Viet Nam, British West Indies, and Zambia, along with children whose families have been here for generations.

Pihcintu, since its inception 10 years ago, serves Portland's immigrant community and provides a forum for cultural and community cooperation. The work of this dedicated group of young women has gained the admiration of the diverse communities in the City of Portland.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Brennan Mayor of Portland