

PROCLAMATION

HONORING

**VOLUNTEERS WHO SUPPORT YARDSCAPING GARDENS AT BACK
COVE**

WHEREAS, The YardScaping Gardens at Back Cove serve to demonstrate the use of trees, shrubs, and perennials that help gardeners and landscapers reduce their reliance on fertilizers, pesticides, and irrigation water; and,

WHEREAS, The YardScaping Gardens at Back Cove were established by the Maine YardScaping Partnership, which includes the City of Portland, and more than 30 businesses, organizations, and agencies from around the state, as an educational resource for the public; and,

WHEREAS, The YardScaping Gardens at Back Cove rely on a dedicated group of volunteers to perform required maintenance including plant care, weeding, mulching, and trimming; and,

WHEREAS, The YardScaping Gardens at Back Cove volunteers include individual citizens, members of numerous organizations, including the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program, neighborhood associations, local businesses, and IDEXX Laboratories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, Michael F. Brennan, Mayor of the City of Portland, Maine, and the members of the Portland City Council do hereby proclaim honor and recognition to the Volunteers who support the YardScaping Gardens at Back Cove.

Signed and sealed this 3rd day of November, 2014



**Michael F. Brennan, Mayor
City of Portland, Maine**

