WHEREAS, apartheid destroys land rights. Eighty-four percent of South Africans are forced to live on 13 percent of the land -- because they are black. Black communities are bulldozed to make room for whites. The government has moved millions of blacks from "whites-only" areas by force; and

WHEREAS, apartheid destroys black family life. Racist laws prevent husbands and wives from living together in "white" cities. Black women face double discrimination because of their sex and race. Those who can find work as maids feed white children while their own go hungry in the barren "homelands"; and

WHEREAS, apartheid denies access to education. Less than half of black adults can read and write. Whites get free schooling. Blacks don't. The state spends 11 times more on a white child's education than on a black child's. Only about 7 percent of black children finish high school; and

WHEREAS, apartheid starves blacks to death in rural areas. One of every five rural black babies die before their first birthday -- many from lack of food -- while South Africa exports $2 billion worth of food a year; and

WHEREAS, apartheid denies decent wages. Africans earn, on the average, less than a third what white workers do. Over 60 percent of black urban families earn less than the white government says is necessary to survive. Rural blacks are even worse off; and

WHEREAS, the apartheid government defends white wealth by force. It jails and kills those who protest against apartheid. It attacks neighboring nations which support South African freedom fighters; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations calls apartheid "a crime against humanity" and asks the world's people to stop all forms of support for the South African government; and

WHEREAS, the American Committee on Africa has called for National Days of Protest Against Apartheid; and

WHEREAS, Portlanders Organized for Southern African Freedom has developed activities to provide opportunities for Portland residents to increase their knowledge regarding South African policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J.E. Bud Clark, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses", do hereby proclaim, in Portland, October 11 and 12, 1985, to be

DAYS OF PROTEST AGAINST APARTHEID

and call upon all citizens of Portland to call for an end to all South African apartheid policies and practices, an end to investment in South Africa, and to strongly encourage the freeing of Nelson Mandela and all South African political prisoners.

J. E. Bud Clark, Mayor