

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2011-067

Proclaiming the Month of June 2011 as PRIDE Month for LGBTQ in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. June marks the 41st annual recognition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) PRIDE Month throughout the United States;
- b. This month was chosen to commemorate the dedication, sacrifices, and work of those who gave of themselves during the 1969 Stonewall riots in Greenwich Village that sparked the modern LGBTQ consciousness movement in the United States;
- c. Multnomah County has been the site of Oregon's June PRIDE Celebration since 1975, with Multnomah County government proclaiming June as PRIDE Month since 1992;
- d. The Board of Pride Northwest has selected the theme for 2011: "Make it Happen!" to recognize that "each of us has the power to effect change in our own lives and to make a difference in the lives of others;"
- e. LGBTQ citizens of Multnomah County are active in every neighborhood, school, business and election; yet continue to confront discrimination, harassment, and violence with determination and resolve;
- f. Multnomah County continues to adapt its employment practices to reduce barriers for LGBTQ employees; including becoming the second local municipality in the country to provide inclusive health coverage for transgendered employees; and
- g. The Office of Diversity and Equity sponsors Multnomah County's Prism Employee Networking Group currently comprised of 70 LGBTQ and Ally members, who contribute to the business mission of the County.

Therefore, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The month of June 2011 as LGBTQ PRIDE Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. We urge all County residents to join in this celebration.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of June 2011.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Jeff Cogen, Chair