

NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY 2009

Get Educated! Get Tested! Get Involved! Get Treated!

February 7, 2009

"BLACK LIFE IS WORTH SAVING"



BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 09-016

Proclaiming February 7, 2009, as "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. February 7, 2009, is the ninth annual observance of *National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day*;
- b. This observance is a nationwide effort to mobilize Black American communities to get educated, get tested, get treated and get involved with HIV/AIDS, as it continues to devastate Black communities;
- c. *National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day* is directed, planned and strategically overseen by a Strategic Leadership Council made up of eight organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to mobilize community-based organizations and stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment;
- d. HIV and AIDS disproportionately affects African American and Black men, women and children living in Multnomah County, Oregon, and the United States;
- e. The African American AIDS Awareness Action Alliance (A6), a coalition of community, county, and state health entities, is hosting a community talent showcase and awards ceremony to recognize this day and its importance to Black Americans and all concerned citizens;

- f. It is fitting that we join with these national and local groups to express our strong support for *National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day* and the initiatives to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in Black American communities and provide treatment and support services to those living with HIV/AIDS; now, therefore,

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

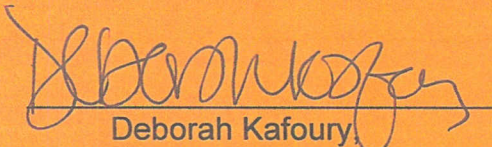
Saturday, February 7, 2009, is declared *National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day* in **Multnomah County, Oregon**. The Board urges local residents to strongly support this day and participate in events planned to commemorate the occasion.

ADOPTED this 5th day of February, 2009.

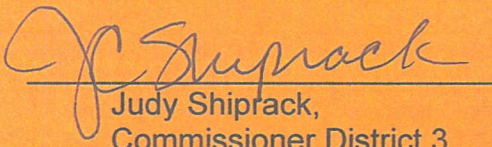
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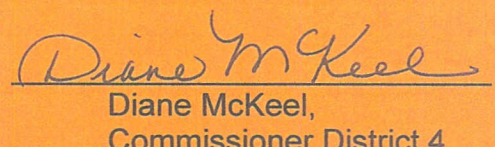
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