

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 07-140**

Declaring Saturday August 18, 2007 Hawthorne Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

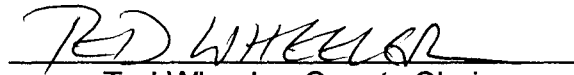
- a. Hawthorne Boulevard is one of Portland's oldest and most lively commercial districts, home to a broad range of locally owned and operated businesses, as well as to the Multnomah County seat, located at its western terminus.
- b. Hawthorne Boulevard was originally named "U Street" when it served as the southern boundary for the town of East Portland. It was later designated as "Asylum Avenue" in reference to the mental health clinic operated by Dr. James C. Hawthorne at roughly Seventh and Hawthorne, very near to where the Multnomah Building stands today.
- c. Hawthorne Boulevard received its present name in 1888 in honor of Dr. Hawthorne, a beloved and highly respected member of the community, who passed away in 1881. Dr. Hawthorne was highly regarded for his humanitarian spirit as well as for the enlightened and conscientious care he accorded his patients.
- d. Beginning in the late 1880s, the Mount Tabor Street Railway Company ran a steam-powered streetcar along Hawthorne Boulevard from Southeast Fifth Avenue to Fifty-Fourth leading to Hawthorne becoming one of the City's busiest thoroughfares. The streetcar rails were paved over in the 1940s due to the increase in popularity of the automobile
- e. In 1997 the Hawthorne Transportation plan was developed to improve the transportation infrastructure on Hawthorne Boulevard. Because the plan did not include any money for aesthetic improvements, citizen organizations joined together in planning and fundraising for these additions.
- f. The result of this incredible citizen effort is the development of a neighborhood entryway for Mt. Tabor on the City's new curb extension at SE 50th and Hawthorne. The entryway, to be unveiled on Saturday, August 18, 2007, features bronze plaques celebrating the history of Hawthorne Boulevard and Mt. Tabor.
- g. The Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association proposed that a plaque celebrating the history of Hawthorne Boulevard be placed on the Multnomah Building at SE Grand and Hawthorne. The Association is donating this plaque to the County for installation there, thus bookending the boulevard with a narrative history plaque at each end.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

The day of August 18, 2007 as Hawthorne Day in Multnomah County, Oregon. In honor of the day Multnomah County is proud to partner with our neighborhood associations in celebrating the history of Hawthorne Boulevard by mounting a narrative bronze plaque to the Multnomah Building. A twin of this plaque will be mounted at the east end of the boulevard at 50th and Hawthorne.

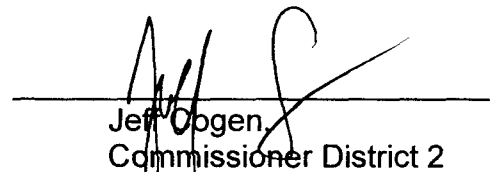
ADOPTED this 16th day of August, 2007.

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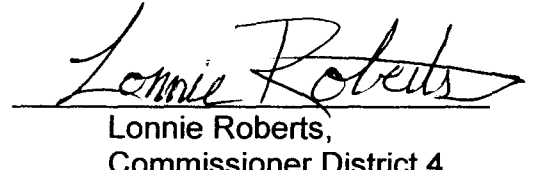
  
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