

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2014-125

Proclaiming October 30, 2014 through November 6, 2014 as Linda Hornbuckle Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Linda Hornbuckle, the Northwest's "Diva of Soul," started her singing career at age 6 in the Grace & Truth Pentecostal Church in Portland, Oregon.
- b. She thrilled audiences in Canada, Europe and across the United States in a variety of unique capacities: as backup singer in national acts: Quarterflash, Nu Shooz and Dan Reed; lead vocalist for the high profile Motown Revue band, Body & Soul; and in 1992 as the driving force for the blues act Linda Hornbuckle & the No Delay Band.
- c. In 1995 Linda became a bandleader and took control of her own ship, launching her voyage into stardom as a solo act.
- d. Linda's music is described as a soul-tinged hybrid of blues, R&B and soul, incorporating elements of her gospel background with a full-bodied funk. With world-class control, her confident and phenomenal vocal style swept across a smoky, soulful landscape.
- e. Linda was also a former Multnomah County Health Department employee, a gifted public health worker whose efforts to make Oregon's workplaces smoke-free and promote sexual health touched thousands of lives.
- f. Through Linda's presence, voice and advocacy she used the stage and her performances to embrace Oregon's Smokefree Workplace law, which earned her the Public Health Hero award in 2009, and Oregon Department of Human Services' Outstanding Individual Leadership Award.
- g. Linda, as a health educator in the Health Department, also championed the National Black AIDS Awareness Day activities, the relationship education program 4REAL and the African-American Sexual Health Program.
- h. Linda was firmly rooted in her connection to the faith community and used her knowledge, experience and visibility to embrace Multnomah County's collaboration with the faith community to support HIV prevention and promote sexual health.
- i. Through Linda's efforts, the Multnomah County Health Department was able to establish, with the Albina Ministerial Alliance, the faith-house community health worker project.

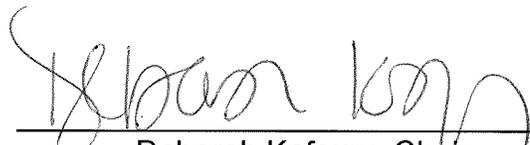
- j. Multnomah County recognizes Linda's musical ambassadorship, providing the gift of soul, through love and spirit for over 50 years, and her outstanding work in public health, recognizing the importance of health care equity, eliminating sexual health disparities in communities of color and the role of the faith community in connecting to disenfranchised and oftentimes marginalized community members.

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ADOPTED this 30th day of November, 2014.

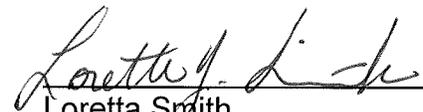
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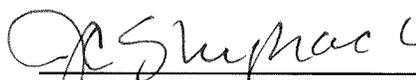
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