

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 06-189**

Recognizing Bill Hancock for His Life Long Health Care Advocacy in Association with Proclaiming Friday December 1, 2006 as World AIDS Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

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

- a. Bill Hancock worked tirelessly to improve the lives of those who suffered from the very illness he was challenged with. Since the early days of the AIDS epidemic, Bill was involved in building the grassroots momentum needed to generate a local and national response to the public health crisis that was emerging in our community.
- b. Though his own health problems led him to Our House of Portland for hospice care, Bill was able to begin to manage the symptoms of his illness due to the support and new medications he received. He was the very first resident of Our House to leave alive. Bill returned to Our House not as a patient but as a member of its fundraising board and as a personal care assistant.
- c. Bill represented the needs of those living with HIV/AIDS as Public Policy Coordinator for the Cascade AIDS Project, Oregon's leading provider of community-based medical and social services. In this role, Bill worked to effectively coordinate state and federal resources aimed at supporting individuals with HIV/AIDS.
- d. Bill's concern about inadequate access to health care for all county residents led to six years of public service as Chair of the Multnomah County Community Health Council. He championed for the improved quality of the county's community health centers who serve some of the most vulnerable members of our community. He advocated for sustainable funding for these services.
- e. Bill served as an advocate for the public health programs and services provided by Multnomah County. He served on Multnomah County's Citizen Budget Advisory Committee and spent countless hours preparing analyses of how budget reductions would impact the county's public health system and testifying at public budget hearings.
- f. Bill's advocacy extended beyond Multnomah County. He participated in a regional effort to coordinate access to healthcare for the uninsured as a board member of the Tri-County Safety Net Enterprise. He also served as a member of the Tri-County HIV Planning Council.

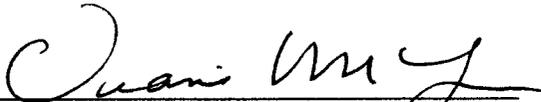
- g. Bill's personal health experiences ignited a passion for healthcare advocacy, which continued throughout his lifetime. Surviving a decade longer than he ever expected, Bill packed his life full of public service contributions.
- h. December 1 is nationally and internationally recognized as World AID Day.

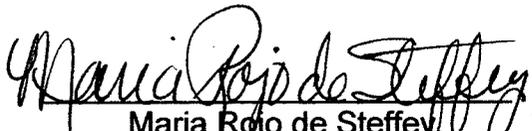
**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

- 1. A plaque will be created and prominently displayed in the Health Department's Administration Office to recognize Bill Hancock as a Public Health Hero. Bill's legacy serves as a reminder to think about what we can do to better address the medical and social needs of the HIV/AIDS community as well as to assure affordable and adequate health care to all residents of Multnomah County.
- 2. Friday, December 1st as World AID Day and encourage all community members to recognize the impact of this disease and the progress that has been made.

ADOPTED this 30th day of November, 2006.

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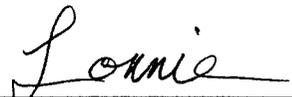
  
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