

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

Proclaiming the Week of May 4-12, 2013 as Travel and Tourism Week in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Travel matters to the nation's economic prosperity and its image abroad, to business wealth and to individual travelers.
- b. Travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating \$2.0 trillion in economic output in 2012, with \$855.4 billion spent directly by travelers that spurred an additional \$1.1 trillion in other industries.
- c. Travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States, supporting 14.6 million jobs in 2012, including 7.7 million directly in the travel industry and 6.9 million in other industries and generated \$200.9 billion in payroll for those employed directly in U.S. travel.
- d. Travelers' spending directly generated tax revenues of \$128.8 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs.
- e. The Portland region accounts for \$4.016 billion in travel-generated spending, tax receipts, employment and payroll and 30,100 jobs in the industry.
- f. International travel to the United States is the nation's largest single export industry – greater than the export of business services, machinery, computer and electronic products, motor vehicles and agriculture; resulting in a \$45 billion in balance of travel trade surplus for the U.S.
- g. Travel is a catalyst that moves the national economy forward.

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ADOPTED this 25th day of April 2013

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