

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 08-156**

Proclaiming Wednesday, December 10, 2008 Human Rights Day in Multnomah County, and Announcing Multnomah County's Participation in Celebrating 2009 as the United Nations International Year of Human Rights Learning

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

- a. Multnomah County has a diverse population, including immigrants, students and working people whose contributions to the community are vital to its character and function.
- b. Multnomah County has a long and distinguished tradition of protecting the dignity, rights, and liberty of all persons.
- c. It is the policy of the County to eliminate discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, marital status, familial status, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or source of income. Such discrimination poses a threat to the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the County and menaces the institutions and foundations of our community.
- d. Governments have an obligation to protect the rights and safety of all members of the public.
- e. The UN General Assembly Resolution has proclaimed 2009 as the Year of International Human Rights Learning.
- f. In 2008, the City of Portland established the Portland Human Rights Commission.
- g. Human Rights Day, celebrated annually all over the world on December 10, commemorates the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on that date in 1948. The Declaration and its core values, inherent human dignity, non-discrimination, and equality apply to everyone, everywhere, and always.

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

1. The year 2009 shall be celebrated in Multnomah County as the "Year of International Human Rights Learning," with the theme "Dignity and Justice for all of us."
2. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners celebrates the establishment of the City of Portland's Human Rights Commission, and endeavors to work closely with the City to realize the values and vision of the UN Declaration of Human Rights.
3. December 10th, 2008 as Human Rights day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

ADOPTED this 4th day of December, 2008.

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

  
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SUBMITTED BY:  
Ted Wheeler, Multnomah County Chair