

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO.

Proclaiming June 1 - 5, 2015 as Privacy Awareness Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

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

- a. Privacy is a necessary foundation for the delivery of high quality services.
- b. Multnomah County provides a multitude of services to County residents which results in the County acquiring and maintaining personal information that is protected by a myriad of laws and regulations including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), federal rules mandating the confidentiality of information relating to substance abuse treatment (42 Code of Federal Regulations Part 2), and Oregon state law.
- c. Multnomah County employees are entrusted to protect the privacy of personal information by safeguarding information provided to them and to use and disclose it only in compliance with and as permitted by State and Federal law.
- d. Privacy compliance continues to be a priority of the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights as shown in recent enforcement actions against regional, state and county governmental agencies.
- e. Privacy Awareness Week is intended to highlight the necessity for the protection of personal information entrusted to the County, and to also recognize County employees for the important work that they do to maintain the privacy of personal information.
- f. Privacy Awareness Week is an integral part of Multnomah County's ongoing privacy compliance program which includes ongoing privacy education, training and policy review.
- g. Recognizes the importance of protecting the privacy of personal information of the clients we serve and of our employees, and calls upon our employees to build privacy awareness in ways that support an overall culture of compliance with privacy rules and regulations.

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

June 1 – 5, 2015 as Privacy Awareness Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

ADOPTED this 4th day of June, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Deborah Kafoury, Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Cindy Hahn, County Privacy Officer