

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 02-128

Proclaiming the Month of October, 2002 as Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month and commemorating 15 years of a successful abuse prevention with community partners through the County's Gatekeeper Program in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Older Oregonians and people with disabilities are vulnerable to various forms of abuse including physical and emotional abuse, neglect and financial exploitation;
- b. Forty-two percent of the elderly population aged 65 and over have some level of disability, and 17.9% of the population aged 21 to 64 lives with some level of disability;
- c. During the past two decades our oldest County residents, over age 85 have shown the most dramatic growth of all our County's older age groups, growing 18.1% over the last decade;
- d. Multnomah County's nationally recognized Gatekeeper Program; has successfully operated for the past fifteen years by valuing the support of community partners in identifying at-risk older adults and people with disabilities;
- e. People who are elderly or have disabilities are among the most important resources of our community and it is fitting that we recognize the need to protect their health, safety and rights;

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The month of October 2002 to be Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month and commemorates the 15th Anniversary of the Gatekeeper Program in Multnomah County, Oregon. We honor the many contributions community Gatekeepers have made over the past fifteen years to improve the quality of life for at-risk older adults and people with disabilities.

ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Diane M. Linn, Chair

