

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Proclaiming the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, ReUse Week in Multnomah County.

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

- a. In 2009 and 2010 Multnomah County and the City of Portland co-sponsored ReUse Week, a celebration of the principles of reuse, sustainability, and community-building and the local organizations which bring them to life;
- b. Our relationship with Community Warehouse, Free Geek, the Habitat ReStore, the ReBuilding Center, SCRAP, and Schoolhouse Supplies continues to grow, most notably with the creation of the ReUse PDX consortium in 2010;
- c. Several ReUse PDX partner organizations recently established the Oregon chapter of the National Reuse Alliance, and in that capacity successfully bid to host the Fall 2012 ReuseConex conference;
- d. The ReuseConex conference will bring hundreds of reuse professionals to Multnomah County and will elevate our profile as a national leader in reuse as well as the profile of reuse in our community;
- e. The centerpiece of ReUse Week 2011 will be the North Portland Sunday Parkways celebration on June 26 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, where partner organizations will gather at New Columbia Park for games, giveaways, and more;
- f. Reuse conserves scarce and precious natural resources, diverts a wide variety of materials from the waste stream, gives new life to goods and materials, and helps improve the lives of some of our most vulnerable residents;
- g. Our partner organizations divert millions of pounds of waste from landfills every year and to date, have kept 27,000 computers, \$13 million dollars' worth of school supplies, and \$8 million dollars' worth of furniture and household supplies out of the waste stream;

- h. The mission of the ReUse PDX consortium aligns with the County's Climate Action Plan goal of reducing local carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050. The reuse of materials can help achieve the County's goal of working with partner organizations to encourage businesses and residents to purchase durable, repairable and reusable goods;
- i. Together with our reuse partners, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and the Portland City Council will work to promote the value of reuse and increase its understanding and practice in Portland and Multnomah County;

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

That June 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, shall be observed as ReUse Week in Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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SUBMITTED BY:

Jeff Cogen, County Chair