

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 04-146

Proclaiming October 14, 2004 Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

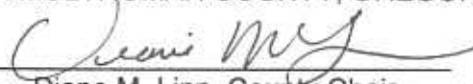
- a) All Multnomah County citizens deserve to live with dignity, respect, safety, and peace of mind at every stage of life.
- b) Adults who are vulnerable because of age or disability are at great risk of physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect, abandonment, financial exploitation, and self-neglect.
- c) The number of reports of abuse of the elderly and persons with disabilities continue to increase every year.
- d) Multnomah County saw a 16% increase in referrals from the previous year, while experiencing a reduction in staff due to budget cuts.
- e) It is imperative for all to recognize signs and symptoms of abuse crimes against vulnerable adults.
- f) Due to the complexity and diversity of abuse and the needs of victims, coordination and collaboration between disciplines and agencies is essential to coordinated service delivery.
- g) Multnomah County has fostered the establishment of multi-disciplinary teams to assist in prosecution against perpetrators who commit abuse crimes against vulnerable adults.
- h) Safety for older adults and persons with disabilities is our priority.
- i) We come together annually to state and rededicate ourselves as friends and allies to vulnerable adults, and recommit ourselves to remain ever vigilant in our protection of older adults and persons with disabilities.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

October 14, 2004 is Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2004.


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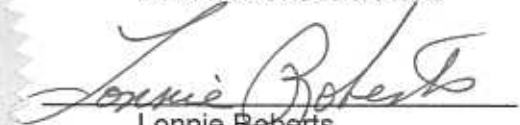

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