

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 2010-021

Supporting Delta Sigma Theta's Efforts to Increase Participation of African Americans in the 2010 Census and Proclaiming Saturday, February 27, 2010 DELTA SIGMA THETA CENSUS AWARENESS DAY, in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Whereas, the U.S. Census is mandated by the United States Constitution every 10 years; and
- b. Whereas, census data guides local decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizen centers, et cetera;
- c. Whereas, census data is used to distribute Congressional seats to states; and
- d. Whereas, more than \$400 billion in federal funds is awarded annually to states and communities based on census data; and
- e. Whereas, community planners and governments rely on census data to determine where there is the most need for additional social services and who gets needed funding, such as community development block grants; and
- f. Whereas, the 2010 Census will create hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs across the nation; and
- g. Whereas, historically African-Americans have been underrepresented in census data; and
- h. Whereas the Multnomah County/Portland Complete Count Committee is working to increase participation in the 2010 Census and to support local organizations doing outreach in their communities on the Census;
- i. Whereas the Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will work diligently to make certain that every effort is made to ensure African-Americans are fully included in the census; and

- j. Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will refer applicants for census jobs, include census information at chapter meetings, post on bulletin boards and in newsletters, and provide space for census activities at chapter meeting sites in communities and on college/university campuses; and
- k. Whereas Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will use their influence to convey the importance of the census, particularly to community members in economically and resource challenged areas

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

Saturday, February 27, 2010 as DELTA SIGMA THETA CENSUS AWARENESS DAY
in Multnomah County, Oregon.

PROCLAIMED this 25th day of February, 2010.

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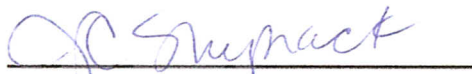
Ted Wheeler, County Chair



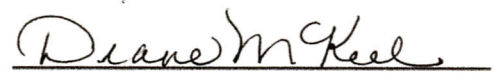
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