

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 06-072**

Proclaiming May 2006 as Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

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

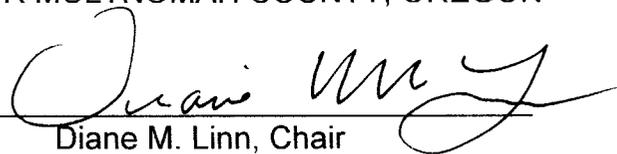
- a. May 2006 is National Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Choices for Independence", reflects the continued commitment of Multnomah County to help our community prepare for a larger aging population, and to bolster the efforts of baby boomers and older adults to achieve healthy aging.
- b. The United States population aged 65 and over is expected to double in size within the next 25 years. By 2030, almost 1 out of every 5 Americans – some 72 million people – will be 65 years or older. The age group 85 and older is now the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population.
- c. Today, Multnomah County enjoys an elder population approaching 100,000, with 12% of this population over 85 years of age.
- d. Senior volunteerism through Aging and Disability Services and community partners helps support our mission of providing *Choices for Independence*. During FY05/06, a total of 278,002 volunteer hours were logged; offering us over \$5,000,000 of in-kind support.
- e. Multnomah County supports the desire of older adults to live in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. We work knowing that the combination of *independence and choice* are essential to the pursuit of healthy aging.

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

The Month of May 2006 is Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. We urge community and government leaders, policy makers, business people, educators, volunteers, and all residents of Multnomah County to celebrate our elders and support "Choices for Independence."

ADOPTED this day 11th of May, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

  
Diane M. Linn, Chair

