

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 00-039

Proclaiming April 2000 Earthquake Preparedness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:


- a. Oregon has suffered considerable damage from several small earthquakes in the last few years.
- b. Scientific evidence indicates that Multnomah County is at risk for a major earthquake in the future.
- c. The loss of life and property can be greatly reduced if appropriate earthquake preparedness measures are taken BEFORE such an earthquake occurs.
- d. Seismic strengthening of existing buildings is strongly encouraged to further reduce loss of life and property damage.
- e. Oregon enacted a law in 1995 that requires schools to instruct and drill students on emergency procedures such as those related to earthquakes.
- f. Emergency management agencies will highlight these lifesaving procedures and provide earthquake safety information to citizens during the month of April.
- g. Because it may not be possible to overcome physical barriers caused by an earthquake; individual, family, and organizational preparedness is crucial to survival during the first 72 hours after a major disaster until relief assistance can arrive.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 2000 as **EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in Multnomah County, Oregon, and encourages all citizens to take a personal interest in increasing their awareness of and preparedness for the possibility of a major disaster in their community, as well as taking steps to increase their safety.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2000.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Serena Cruz, Vice-Chair

