

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 2010-026

Proclaiming Wednesday, March 10, 2010 in Support of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Whereas around the world, women now make up half of all people living with HIV and AIDS, and in the U.S., more than 25 percent of new infections are women.
- b. Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined the rate of HIV among young women aged 16 to 21 to be 50 percent higher than the rate among young men in the same age group and that younger women are more likely than older women to contract HIV.
- c. Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had determined that AIDS is a common killer among women, second only to cancer and heart disease.
- d. Whereas the most cited reasons for the causes of infection are women engaging in risky behaviors with men who have HIV and sharing of injection drug works (needles, syringes, etc.) used by someone with HIV.
- e. Whereas National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWGHAAD) is a nationwide initiative coordinated by the Office of Women's Health (OWH) – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to raise awareness of the increasing impact of HIV/AIDS on women and girls.
- f. Whereas the African Women's Coalition seeks to bring awareness to the impact of HIV/AIDS and the disproportionate rates of HIV amongst African immigrant and refugee girls and women, African American girls and women, women and girls of color and encourages girls and women to get tested regularly and know their status.
- g. Whereas African Women's Coalition advocates for culturally competent, empowering, accessible and equitable health services and support those making personal commitments to combat this epidemic in their communities locally, nationally, and globally.

- h. Whereas National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day serves as an opportunity for Multnomah County officials and citizens to come together to provide support, encourage discussion, and educate women and girls about prevention, the importance of getting tested, and the resources available to help those infected lead normal, healthy lives.


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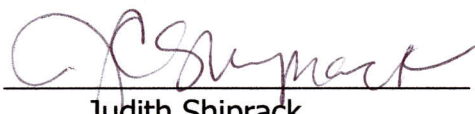
ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2010.

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