

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**PROCLAMATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Proclaiming May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as “Environmental Health Specialist Day” in Multnomah County, Oregon

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

- a. There are 20 Environmental Health Specialists working for Multnomah County.
- b. Environmental Health Specialists are professionals who work to reduce or eliminate environmental health risk factors that cause human suffering, disease or injuries.
- c. Environmental Health Specialists’ work may include consultation, education, inspections, investigations and enforcement in the areas of food safety, public facilities, drinking water supply, sewage disposal, pest control, solid waste, air quality, toxics, bioterrorism, disaster response and communicable disease.
- d. In Multnomah County, Environmental Health Specialists work varies tremendously but can include: inspecting the restaurants and food carts where we dine, ensuring the water that comes from our faucet is safe and free of harmful pathogens, investigating cases of lead poisoning in children, ensuring that housing is safe, habitable and healthy, protecting our children by inspecting childcare facilities and investigating communicable disease outbreaks tied to food, water or other environmental sources.
- e. In the last 100 years, Environmental Health Specialists have increased life expectancy in the United States by 30 years, with 80 percent of this improvement coming from safer food and drinking water.
- f. The quality of life and health experienced by the residents of Multnomah County has been greatly improved because of the dedication and hard work of our Environmental Health Specialists.

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

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as “Environmental Health Specialist Day.”

ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2013:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

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Jeff Cogen, County Chair

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