

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 02-082

Proclaiming June 15th and 16th, 2002 as Gay, Lesbian, Bi, and Trans PRIDE Days in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Multnomah County does not allow or condone practices of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity;
- b. Multnomah County's establishment of a domestic partnership registry, a means by which unmarried, committed couples who share a life and home together may document their relationship, makes it a leader in the nation in the protection of civil rights;
- c. Multnomah County has been the site of Oregon's PRIDE Celebration since 1975, with PRIDE Northwest being formed in 1994 to ensure future celebrations;
- d. The mission of Pride Northwest, Inc. is to encourage and celebrate the positive diversity, contributions, and talents of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans communities and this year has selected "On A Queer Day" as the PRIDE Theme;
- e. The Portland Gay Men's Chorus, since 1980, has been dedicated to promoting harmony among all people and a positive attitude towards the gay community;
- f. The Portland Gay Men's Chorus is the nation's fourth oldest gay-identified chorus and a proud member of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (Gala Choruses);
- g. The Rose City Softball Association, has been offering community members with competitive, healthy, and recreational activities since 1995 with over 400 players and 25 teams competing this season;
- h. Multnomah County is the site and the Rose City Softball Association, City of City of Portland are proud to host the 26th Annual NAGAA Gay World Series, August 18th through the 25th, 2002;
- i. The National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce 15th Annual Creating Change Conference is scheduled for November 6th through 10th, 2002 at the Jantzen Beach Doubletree in the city of Portland;

- j. Basic Rights Oregon fights to eliminate discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans people in Multnomah County and throughout the state, and has successfully defeated 3 out of 4 statewide anti-gay ballot measures;

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The days of June 15th and 16th, 2002, as Gay, Lesbian, Bi, and Trans PRIDE in Multnomah County, Oregon. The rich ethnic, social and cultural heritage of Multnomah County has been further enriched by the emergence of the gay/lesbian/bisexual/trans Community. We urge all County residents to join in this celebration.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON



Diane Linn, Chair

