

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 08-149

Proclaiming Monday, December 1, 2008 as World AIDS Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. According to the latest data from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the World Health Organization (WHO), there is an estimated 38.6 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide.
- b. Nearly 7,000 Oregonians are currently living with HIV/AIDS and approximately 4,000 of those are current residents of the Portland Metropolitan area and Multnomah County.
- c. Approximately 300 people are newly diagnosed with HIV in Oregon each year; 40% of these individuals progress to AIDS within the first year because they delayed getting tested for the disease.
- d. Multnomah County area health disparities persist in populations disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS, including African-American and African Immigrant communities, and among men who have sex with men.
- e. HIV remains a significant public health problem and highlights the need for a strong, sustained and coordinated international, national and local strategy.
- f. In recognition that continued commitments are needed by all sectors of society such as families, communities, organizations, governments, and policy makers to combat HIV and AIDS, the World AIDS Campaign theme for World AIDS Day 2008, "Leadership: Keep the Promise", aims to highlight the need for innovation, vision, and perseverance in the face of the AIDS challenge.

- g. World AIDS Day 2008 provides an opportunity to fight HIV/AIDS and highlight continued efforts to support early HIV detection, care and access to treatment. This results in lowered mortality, fewer disease complications and reduced HIV transmission.

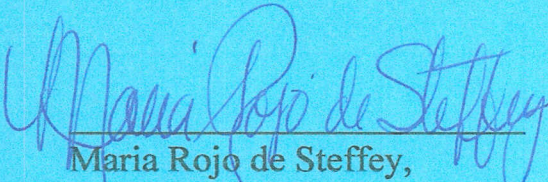
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

December 1, 2008 is World AIDS Day in Multnomah County, Oregon. The Morrison Bridge will be lit red from November 28 – December 2, 2008 to commemorate World AIDS Day. We encourage all residents to educate themselves about the risks of HIV and demonstrate compassion to those infected by HIV and AIDS.

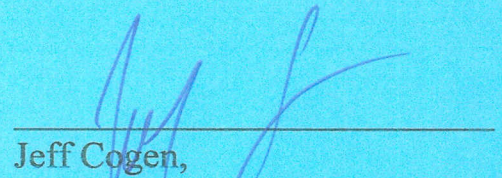
ADOPTED this 13th day of November, 2008.

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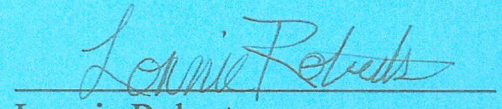

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