

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2012-073

Proclaiming the Month of June 2012 as LGBTQ Pride Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. June marks the 42nd annual recognition of Gay Pride month, now recognized as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month, throughout the United States.
- b. This month was chosen to commemorate the dedication, bravery, and sacrifice of those who led the 1969 uprising at the Stonewall Tavern in Greenwich Village, which sparked the modern LGBTQ consciousness movement in the United States.
- c. LGBTQ citizens of Multnomah County are actively engaged in every neighborhood, school, business, and election, yet continue to confront discrimination, bullying, stereotyping, harassment, and violence.
- d. The Pride Northwest Board has selected "Beautiful People!" as the theme of this year's Portland Pride Parade, which is an affirmation of the inherent value of LGBTQ diversity and self-expression within the larger society.
- e. Multnomah County has been the site of Pride celebrations each third weekend in June, with Multnomah County government supporting Pride Month and celebrations since 1992.
- f. Multnomah County's Office of Diversity and Equity sponsors Prism, a "full spectrum" Employee Resource Group comprised of over 80 LGBTQ and ally members who contribute to the ongoing mission of inclusion and equity in Multnomah County.
- g. LGBTQ residents and employees of Multnomah County enrich our community and contribute to the ongoing effort to remove institutional barriers to equity and to make Multnomah County more beautiful, just, and responsive to community needs.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The month of June 2012 as LGBTQ Pride Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. We urge all County residents to join us in this celebration.

ADOPTED this 14th day of June, 2012.



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

Jeff Cogen, Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2