

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 08-072**

Proclaiming the Month of June 2008 as PRIDE Month for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Other Sexual Minorities 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. Furthermore, PRISM was created by Multnomah County and is an open and inclusive organization representing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, other sexual minority employees and their supporters. PRISM stands for Pride, Respect, and Integrity for Sexual Minorities. PRISM is a sanctioned Multnomah County Employee Network Group consisting of dynamic individuals from many different backgrounds and disciplines who share in their diversity. Participation with PRISM welcomes all and invites everyone to get involved.
- c. 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 Multnomah County a leader in the nation in the protection of civil rights.
- d. As of May, 2008, 933 same-sex couples have registered in Multnomah County since the Oregon Domestic Partnership Law went into effect on February 4, 2008.
- e. Multnomah County has been the site of Oregon's June PRIDE Celebration since 1975.
- f. The long struggle of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and other sexual minorities for basic civil and human rights provides inspiration to all those who work against discrimination and oppression.

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

The month of June, 2008 as PRIDE Month for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and other sexual minorities in Multnomah County, Oregon. The rich ethnic, social and cultural heritage of Multnomah County has been further

enriched by the presence of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. We urge all County residents to join in this celebration.

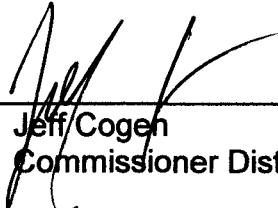
ADOPTED this 29th day of May, 2008.

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