

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 08-052

Proclaiming May 2008 as Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. May 2008 is National Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "*Working Together for Strong, Healthy and Supportive Communities*", reinforces Multnomah County's commitment to help its residents prepare for a rapidly growing aging population, and promote ways for baby boomers and older adults to age in a healthy manner.
- b. By 2010, it is estimated that more than 104,000 Multnomah County residents will be 60 years or older—an increase of almost 10,000 people since the decade began. Moreover, by 2030 those 60 years and better are projected to constitute almost 25 percent of the County's population.
- c. Older people are entitled to live independently and with dignity, and to do so they need ready access to information and community services that emphasize cost-effective practices for improving health, quality of life, and options for innovative and affordable care.
- d. Multnomah County recognizes the wisdom and talents of its elders, the many contributions they make to the community, and supports their efforts to secure a healthier future.
- e. The Multnomah County Healthy Aging Coalition, a partnership of aging network organizations and advocates for older adults led by Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services, supports and will seek to further key recommendations made by the Task Force on Vital Aging, co-chaired by Chair Wheeler and Commissioner Rojo de Steffey.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

May 2008 is Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon, and we urge all citizens to honor older adults and support those who care for them. We also encourage all Multnomah County residents to promote and participate in activities that promise older adults a healthy and rewarding future.

ADOPTED this 1st day of May, 2008.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Ted Wheeler, Chair

SUBMITTED BY:
Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey