

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming Observance of Veterans Day on November 11th, 2013, in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Throughout our country's history, valiant Americans have answered the call to duty with honor and dignity;
- b. There are an estimated 40,000 veterans in Multnomah County, more than any county in the State of Oregon, including over 400 County employees;
- c. Throughout our history many veterans have sustained injuries in the service to our country, including the often forgotten or "invisible wounds of war" which include mild and traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress;
- d. Multnomah County is committed to serving the veterans in our community by helping improve access to employment, housing, physical and behavioral health services, achieving fair and equitable treatment in our justice system, and access to the VA benefits they have earned through their service to our country;
- e. Multnomah County adopts a partnership in our community with cities, nonprofits, and the faith community known as the Community Covenant as the guiding principle in which we approach the health, well-being, and pursuit of full and wholesome reintegration of our service men and women;
- f. Multnomah County citizens have the resources, skills, and compassion to create a welcoming and supportive community for our returning service members, veterans of all generations, and their families. It is the responsibility of our community to support and honor those amongst us who have served our country.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

In observance of Veterans Day on November 11th, 2013, that on this day all veterans and current members of the Armed Forces, Active, Reserve and National Guard be remembered and honored.

ADOPTED this 7th day of November, 2013.

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

Marissa Madrigal, Acting Chair