

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Proclaiming April, 1998 as ) **PROCLAMATION**  
EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS ) 98-33  
MONTH in Multnomah County )

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners finds:

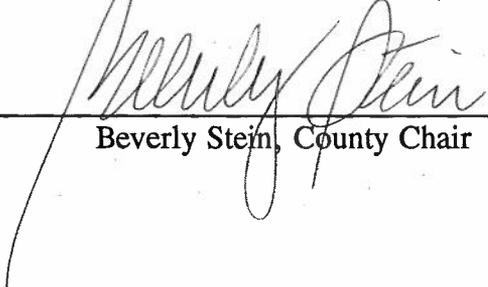
- a. Oregon has suffered considerable damage from several small earthquakes in the last four years
- b. Scientific evidence indicates that Multnomah County is at risk for a major earthquake in the future
- c. There is currently no accurate way to predict when an earthquake will occur
- d. The loss of life and property can be greatly reduced if appropriate earthquake preparedness measures are taken BEFORE such an earthquake occurs
- e. Emergency management agencies will highlight these lifesaving procedures and provide earthquake safety information to citizens during the month of April
- f. Because it may not be possible to overcome physical barriers caused by an earthquake; individual, family, and organizational preparedness is crucial to survival during the first 72 hours after a major disaster until relief assistance can arrive

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners proclaims:

1. April, 1998 as EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH in Multnomah County, Oregon, and encourages all citizens to take a personal interest in increasing their awareness of and preparedness for the possibility of a major disaster in their community, as well as taking steps to increase their safety.

DATED this 16th day of April, 1998.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

  
Beverly Stein, County Chair

