

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

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Multnomah County's commitment to building partnerships that support the strength, resiliency and readiness of service members and their families.

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 over 47,000 veterans in Multnomah County, including almost 400 county employees;
- c. Multnomah County is committed to serving the veterans in our community by helping them gain employment, housing, physical and mental health services, advocacy in the justice system, and access to benefits they have earned through their service to our country;
- d. The strength of service members comes from their families, and the strength of families is supported by the strength of the community;
- e. The Joining Community Forces Community Covenant brings together local citizens from government, non-profits, educational institutions, social services, faith-based groups, businesses, veteran service organizations, public safety, and private citizens to identify ways to support local service members, veterans, and their families;
- f. The Joining Community Forces Community Covenant is a formal commitment of support, developed by our community, and will be presented at a signing ceremony to articulate Multnomah County's commitment to its local military.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. A commitment to building partnerships in support and recognition of Veterans and their families through involvement in the Joining Community Forces Community Covenant program.

ADOPTED this 21st day of March, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Jeff Cogen, Chair

REVIEWED: JENNY MORF, COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By _____

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Diane McKeel