

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2011-**

Proclaiming March 2011 as the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Peace Corps and Honoring Peace Corp Volunteers

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

- a. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed an Executive Order establishing the Peace Corps, forever changing the way America sees the world and the world sees us.
- b. One of President Kennedy's most enduring legacies can be found in the over 200,000 current and returned Peace Corps volunteers who have collectively given over a half century of service to the cause of peace.
- c. Over the past five decades, Peace Corps volunteers have served in nearly 140 countries, bringing a wealth of practical assistance to those working to build better lives for themselves and their communities.
- d. With each village that now has access to clean water, each young woman who has received an education, and each family empowered to prevent disease because of the service of a Peace Corps volunteer, President Kennedy's noble vision lives on.
- e. Returned volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, bring a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions back to their home communities like Multnomah County.
- f. The experiences that enrich the lives of Peace Corps volunteers also make them better employees and members of society.
- g. On this anniversary, we honor the men and women from Multnomah County who have carried forward our Nation's finest tradition of service, and we rededicate ourselves to fulfilling the dream and continuing the work of all those who aspire and yearn for peace.

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

March 2011 as the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps, and honors the service of those Multnomah County employees and citizens who have served their country as Peace Corp volunteers.

**ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2011.**

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