

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 99-51**

Proclaiming April 1999 Alcohol Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

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

- a. Binge drinking is defined as consuming five or more drinks in a row at one sitting for boys and four or more in a row for girls.
- b. Binge drinking in high school is strongly predictive of binge drinking in college.
- c. Binge drinking among high school seniors has steadily increased over the past five years.
- d. Binge drinkers experience more alcohol-related problems affecting their health, safety and interpersonal relations, including driving after drinking, damaging property, getting injured, missing classes and getting behind in their school work.
- e. 43% of college students say they are binge drinkers and 21% say they binge frequently.
- f. Binge drinking, which can lead to fatal injury and alcohol poisoning, is widely recognized as the most serious problem facing college campuses today.

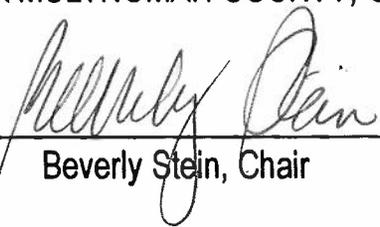
**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners hereby joins Dr. David Satcher, Surgeon General of the United States, and proclaims April 1999 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. The Board also calls upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals and schools to support efforts that will discourage binge drinking throughout our community.

Adopted this 1st day of April, 1999.



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Beverly Stein, Chair