

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2011-053

Proclaiming May 2011 as Older Americans Month in Multnomah County and Portland, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. May 2011 is National Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Older Americans: Connecting the Community" points to the important roles older adults play in making their communities good places for people of all ages to live—an ideal that both Multnomah County and the City of Portland heartily embrace.
- b. In sharing their wisdom, knowledge, and memories, older adults help deepen our respect for the past, inform our understanding of the present, and heighten our awareness of opportunities to shape a livable future.
- c. By engaging with young and old alike in their families and neighborhoods, in faith communities, in clubs and associations, at informal gathering places such as coffee shops, and at events that bring area residents together, older adults uphold the value of interdependence.
- d. As mentors to younger workers and students, entrepreneurs launching exciting and meaningful second careers, participants in political activities, and volunteers giving their time and energy to serve those in need, older adults exemplify what a valued member of the community means.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaim:

May 2011 is Older Americans Month in Multnomah County and Portland, Oregon—a time to acknowledge the many ways that older adults enrich our community with their seasoned perspective, concern for others, active involvement in daily life, and dedication to enhancing the well-being of generations that will follow.

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