

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 08-034**

Proclaiming April 2008 as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon and acknowledging the important contribution of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) of Oregon Health Sciences University

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

- a. Sexual violence is a devastating and intolerable crime, affecting men, women, and children of all ages, races, sexual orientation, cultures and economic situations and abilities.
- b. Sexual assaults in the United States are at a disturbingly high level. 1 in 6 women, and 1 in 33 men, have been victims of sexual assault.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that only one in 8 sexual assaults are reported to law enforcement.<sup>2</sup>
- c. The Multnomah County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is a multi-agency group dedicated to continuously improve our community response to sexual assault.
- d. The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) at the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) over the years have consistently provided compassionate and professional support to victims of sexual assault.

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

1. Our deepest gratitude and thanks to the SANEs at OHSU.
2. The Month of April 2008 is proclaimed to be National Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2008



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

  
Ted Wheeler, Chair

SUBMITTED BY:  
Michael Schrunk, District Attorney

<sup>1</sup> Rape Abuse and Incest National Network: 2006 National Crime Victimization Survey

<sup>2</sup> National Center for Victims of Crime, Rape in America: A Report to the Nation, 1992