

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

**In the Matter of Proclaiming                    )  
May 12, 1994 as Chronic Fatigue        )  
Syndrome Awareness Day                )  
in Multnomah County, Oregon            )**

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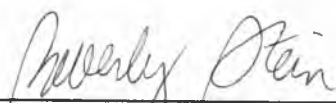
- WHEREAS:** Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (a.k.a. Epstein-Barr Syndrome and Chronic Fatigue/Immune Dysfunction Syndrome) is a recently discovered (or re-discovered) illness for which there is presently no known cure or effective treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Recent biomedical research has identified Chronic Fatigue Syndrome as a serious illness which affects a number of systems of the human body including the immune system; and
- WHEREAS:** The syndrome is characterized by chronic debilitating fatigue, influenza-like symptoms, and by a variety of cognitive dysfunctions; and
- WHEREAS:** More serious and longer-lasting neurologic impairments have also been observed in some of these patients; and
- WHEREAS:** Victims of this syndrome often experience symptoms of sufficient severity to legally qualify them for Social Security Disability; and
- WHEREAS:** Portland CFIDS Association and Oregon CFIDS Association, two organizations run by and for people with CFIDS, both heartily endorse this Proclamation; and
- WHEREAS:** There is a need for Multnomah County to participate in educating the public about this disease; and
- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that 1 1/2% of the population is afflicted, or approximately 18,600 individuals in the greater Portland area alone; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaim May 12, 1994 as "Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day" in Multnomah County.

APPROVED this Fifth day of May, 1994.



MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

  
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Beverly Stein  
Multnomah County Chair