

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming March 31, 2011, Chiquita Rollins Appreciation Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Chiquita Rollins has spent more than 20 years serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Oregon.
- b. Chiquita provided direct service to victims as Executive Director of Bradley-Angle House, which became the first domestic violence shelter on the West Coast in 1975.
- c. Chiquita has tirelessly served as the county's domestic violence coordinator for 16 years. Her unyielding advocacy for battered women, along with her leadership and guidance, has fostered first-rate public policy, encouraging agencies and individuals to build effective partnerships. For example, Chiquita established the initial process in Multnomah County for the Fatal Incident Review, a policy leading to a statewide statutory format she spearheaded through legislation.
- d. Chiquita's articulate voice for victims has helped many who are not able to speak for themselves.
- e. Chiquita always makes time, finds energy and takes opportunities to educate policy makers and media to increase awareness about domestic violence. For example, incidents of domestic violence regularly occur without media attention and can occur in all different familial and domestic relationships. Chiquita has made us aware that many vulnerable individuals and citizens on client caseloads may be victims of domestic violence. Our friends, family and co-workers may experience domestic violence; and we need to be prepared to ask supportive questions, seek out resources and to help if we see signs of intimidation, humiliation, and controlling behavior, as well as physical violence.
- f. Chiquita Rollins is described as "standing up for change" and "willing to listen and problem-solve" and "committed, devoted, and possessing common sense."
- g. Chiquita Rollins can be commended for improving and likely saving the lives of countless women and children in Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

Thursday, March 31, 2011, as Chiquita Rollins Appreciation Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

ADOPTED this 31st day March, 2011.

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

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