

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION _____

Proclaiming February 2011 as School-Based Health Care Awareness Month in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The first school-based health center (SBHC) in Oregon, one of the first in the nation, opened 25 years ago at Roosevelt High School in Portland.
- b. Multnomah County's 12 school-based and one school-linked health center offer access to high quality, affordable health care to children in our community.
- c. School-based health care includes quality primary and health care, prevention messages and health education.
- d. During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, Multnomah County's SBHCs served 6,414 children with 19,616 visits.
- e. SBHCs increase physical and mental health which leads to better academic achievement.
- f. Research has shown that school-based health centers encourage the use of more appropriate health care services, improve children's health status, save money on care for children in rural areas and on hospitalizations and emergency room visits for children with asthma. In addition, SBHCs increase care levels for African American children, increase mental health care for all children, support working parents, and keep children in school and read to learn.
- g. Continued partnerships between schools, the county, communities, providers, parents and students are integral to the success of school-based health centers.
- h. February 9th is SBHC Awareness Day in Salem at the Capitol, and February 2011 is national School-Based Health Care Awareness Month. SBHCs across Oregon will be celebrating with open houses and events.

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Adopted this 3rd Day of February, 2011.

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Jeff Cogen, Chair

Submitted by: Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury, District One