

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 06-170**

Proclaiming the Month of October 2006 as National Community Planning Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

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

- a. The American Planning Association has declared October 2006 to be National Community Planning Month emphasizing the importance of good planning in our communities.
- b. Planning activities play an important role in the decisions that are made by jurisdictions and citizens, business leaders and other stakeholders in influencing our built and natural environment. The County and its partners value input from stakeholders early in decision-making processes and appreciate the need to keep citizens informed of policy decisions.
- c. This year's theme is *"Making Great Communities Through Planning."* Each of the four weeks in October emphasizes different aspects of our planning tradition. All are relevant as the County implements the Statewide Planning program that Oregon has successfully pursued for the past 30 years while at the same time it faces the challenges of accommodating future growth.
- d. Multnomah County is an outstanding example of *"Our Legacy of Great Communities"* as it was among the first counties in the state to plan for growth, working with citizens to develop land use plans as early as 1953. Multnomah County was also quick to implement the 1975 Statewide Planning Goals, preserving farm and forest lands that contribute to a vital rural economy in the most developed jurisdiction in the State. The County was also active in the 1980's in efforts to preserve the Columbia River Gorge as a National Scenic Area.
- c. From the west hills and Sauvie Island east to the National Scenic Area, the County has created *"Today's Great Communities"* by offering a diverse choice of places to live and recreate for all of its citizens. People have the opportunity to live and work in the rural area or live in the rural area and easily commute to work in the urban area.
- d. The County remains committed to balancing the growth and preservation of the environment for *"Tomorrow's Great Communities"*. We desire to have a

sustainable healthy environment, a vibrant rural economy, beautiful parks and greenspaces and accessible transportation choices.

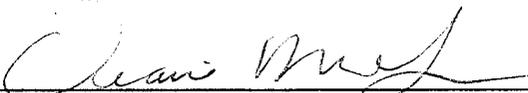
- e. Finally, none of this happens without "*People Making Great Communities.*" The County recognizes that the best planning does not occur in isolation and values public input. Citizens participate on advisory committees, serve on a voluntary Planning Commission and provide testimony at Planning Commission meetings and Board meetings.
- f. Early visionaries helped create communities that set the foundation for many ideas and theories in planning. Communities that were considered revolutionary when first built continue to thrive and offer residents the same benefits, illustrating the long-lasting benefits of good planning

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

The month of October 2006 to be National Community Planning Month. We commend the county staff, citizen volunteers, and regional partners for their accomplishments and contributions in making our community the wonderful place it is to live today, and on into the future.

ADOPTED this 5th day of October 2006.

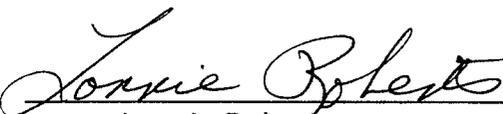
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