

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Recognizing and Thanking Current and Former Central Stores Staff for More Than 40 Years Of Service

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Multnomah County first centralized its purchasing function in 1914.
- b. Central Stores was officially created in 1968 along with many other administrative changes effected by the adoption of the County's Home Rule Charter. Its first home was at 9505 Powell Blvd, at the (former) Kelly Butte site.
- c. Central Stores moved from the Kelly Butte site to the Ford Building at SE 11th & SE Division St. in 1977. This new location combined the warehouse with a cold storage unit.
- d. Central Stores' staffing includes a nearly 50-year father-son team. John Reynolds started as a Stores clerk in 1964. His son Butch continued the tradition from 1972 to 2008.
- e. In 1981, Central Stores went digital with the creation of the Computerized Purchasing and Inventory Control System. This improvement was much needed, since by 1987, Central Stores was receiving, warehousing, and delivering over 1,000 different items to most County programs and over 70 additional community organizations.
- f. Central Stores provided an essential logistics role for the State of Oregon Family Planning Program for more than 20 years. Critical medical supplies were procured at low costs and shipped to County clinics throughout Oregon.
- g. Central Stores' warehouse has played an important role in the County's emergency preparedness planning efforts by serving as a high-security, central contact point for receipt and distribution of supplies and equipment. The Oregon Emergency Management Association awarded Central Stores and Distribution Services the 2010 Partners Innovation Award for their work related to this role during the H1N1 event of 2009/10.

- h. Central Stores contributed toward the County's sustainability efforts by negotiating with vendors for recycled-content paper and green janitorial supplies, engaging with non-profits who employ people with disabilities to procure remanufactured toner, and by enabling battery and e-waste recycling programs county-wide.
- i. Multnomah County is retiring its Central Stores operation on June 30, 2012.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

Multnomah County recognizes and thanks current and former Central Stores staff for more than 40 years of excellent customer service to the citizens of Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this 14th day of June, 2012.

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