

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming May 2016 as Older Americans Act Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. One in five (20%) of Multnomah County's homeless at time of this report were persons over age 55, nearly six in ten were disabled (57%), over one in ten (12%) are veterans, and four in ten (41%) are from communities of color (A Home for Everyone, 2015, Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners Briefing).
- b. Complex issues and reduced resources make collaborative innovations integral to solving these paramount issues facing older adults in our community.
- c. The aging services network is an exemplar of collaboration and innovation used to address the housing needs of older adults, but also works together to address other issues, like elder abuse, isolation, mental health, and accessibility that face older adults in our community.
- d. Inclusion of our diverse community of Elders in identifying the unique strengths and challenges we face is a key to ensuring equity in the services and the programs provided by Multnomah County and it empowers Elders to advocate for themselves and their peers on the most critical issues.
- e. Insights provided by ethnic, racial, and cultural minority Elders are being solicited now to develop the 2017-2020 Area Plan of Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division, which provides essential services under the Older Americans Act.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

1. May is Older Americans Act Month, a time to celebrate the perennial contributions of older adults to the nation. The 2016 theme is Blaze a Trail, and in May we will take the opportunity to raise awareness about issues facing older adults, and highlight the way older Americans are advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities.
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ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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