

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 03-065

Proclaiming May 2003 National Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. May 2003 is National Older Americans Month
- b. The theme of this year's celebration, "What We Do Makes a Difference" reminds us of the profound debt of gratitude we owe to the generations of Older Americans whose hard work, vision, faith, volunteerism, and patriotism built our towns and cities with values of family, caring and community that we cherish in Multnomah County.
- c. The commitment of older citizens to our future sets an inspiring example for all, and their resilience, optimism, and experience provide us with important perspectives and insights as we face serious challenges in the year ahead.
- d. The increasing diversity and historic leadership of the elders in Multnomah County have established a rich tradition of making a difference in our communities including volunteerism, care giving, outreach, nutrition, mobility and access.
- e. During the past two decades our oldest County residents, over age 85, have shown the most dramatic growth of all our County's older age groups and comprise the most at-risk population in our elder community.
- f. Multnomah County partners with business, health and community partners to make a difference for older people and our communities around Helpline, Gatekeeper, Family Caregiver, Elder Abuse First Responder, and Medication Management with the help of local pharmacists, PGE, Portland Police Department, El Programa Hispano, Loaves and Fishes, Urban League, Northwest Pilot Project and many others.
- g. Partnerships with and guidance from the Disability Services Advisory Council, Elders In Action Commission, and the Multi Ethnic Action Council provides Multnomah County with valuable information, insight and feedback on making real difference in key areas.
- h. We are proud to continue this tradition of honoring older Americans and their caregivers, and of celebrating our families and our communities as the foundation of our society.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The month of May 2003 is National Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. We urge community and government leaders, policy makers, business people, educators, volunteers, and all citizens of Multnomah County to celebrate the contributions of our older citizens and acknowledge that "What We Do Makes a Difference."

ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 2003.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


Diane M. Linn, Chair