

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming August 22, 2014, through August 28, 2014, Civil Rights Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. July 2, 2014, marked the 50th Anniversary of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- b. Public Law 88-352, known as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, was “(A)n Act to enforce the constitutional right to vote, to confer jurisdiction upon the district courts of the United States to provide injunctive relief against discrimination in public accommodations, to authorize the Attorney General to institute suits to protect constitutional rights in public facilities and public education, to extend the Commission on Civil Rights, to prevent discrimination in federally assisted programs, to establish a Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, and for other purposes”.
- c. It is a landmark piece of [civil rights](#) legislation in the [United States](#) that outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. It ended unequal application of voter registration requirements and racial segregation in schools, at the workplace and by facilities that served the general public (known as "public accommodations").
- d. Recent U.S. Supreme Court actions that limit redress for racial discriminatory practices, by having to prove intent and the repeal of Section 4 of the landmark 1968 Voting Rights Act, complicates efforts to reinforce the work of the Civil Rights Movement.
- e. Consistent overrepresentation of people of color in the criminal justice system, the school to prison pipeline, and federal legislative changes that continue to criminalize our youth, the elimination of the safety net for many low-income communities and targeting of young black and brown boys and men by police and armed community members, reinforces the importance of doubling efforts as a nation to achieve the dream that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. articulated during the March on Washington.

- f. The issues of jobs, police brutality, housing, education, and economic opportunities are just as prevalent today as they were 50 years ago. We honor the work of the Civil Rights Leaders of 50 years ago and recommit ourselves to continue to work for equality for all and to the elimination of the last vestiges of discrimination within our midst.

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ADOPTED this 21st day of August, 2014.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2