

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming May 2014 as Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. May 2014 is National Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow." reminds us of the important programs and services in our community that help keep older adults safe and promote their health and well-being.
- b. Metro projects an increase of 106% in those aged 65 and older between 2010 and 2030. The County has worked with the City and members of the community to develop the Action Plan for an Age Friendly Portland, to address the unique needs of older adults.
- c. Multnomah County's Aging & Disability Services Division's (ADSD) contracts with five senior centers. Those centers play a key role in helping older adults stay safe and healthy by providing an array of services, including: social activities; education about fraud and scams; exercise classes; access to legal assistance; chronic disease management workshops' and options counseling.
- d. The City of Portland has been a longstanding funder of senior centers within its jurisdiction, and starting July 1, 2014, Multnomah County will assume responsibility for funding the centers. We want to thank the City for its financial support over the years, and look ahead to a future in which the county's growing older adult population will continue to enjoy the many activities senior centers offer.
- e. The county's senior centers are conveniently located, staffed by knowledgeable and compassionate people who are attentive to the needs and interests of older adults, and serve as welcoming places for our community's elders to gather for friendship and enrichment.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaim:

May 2014 is Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon—a time to honor the vital contribution senior centers make to the safety and health of the county's older adults—keeping them active, engaged, and secure.

ADOPTED this ___ day of May, 2014

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Acting Chair Marissa Madrigal

Submitted by: Commissioners Shiprack & Smith