

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 09-125

Proclaiming the Month of October DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Domestic Violence is a significant problem in the City of Portland and Multnomah County, making up 40 to 50 percent of reported violence.
- b. Domestic and family violence are complex, multi-faceted problems that require multi level, coordinated responses across disciplines and jurisdictions.
- c. Multnomah County – in partnership with local jurisdictions, community-based organizations and community members – has made significant investments in intervention and prevention efforts.
- d. Since 1991, the county has supported specialized domestic violence prosecution and probation/parole units.
- e. Since 1994, the county has jointly funded and supported the Multnomah County Family Violence Coordinating Council and has been actively involved in providing leadership for that Council.
- f. Since 1997, the county has funded a system of community-based victim services that serves 5,000 survivors and their children each year and includes crisis lines, emergency shelters, transitional housing, culturally specific services, legal advocacy, and outreach to victims in their homes or in other community sites.
- g. In 2009, the county supported the City of Portland to open the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services to provide a “one-stop” multi-disciplinary facility for victims.
- h. The county jointly participates in extensive collaborative efforts to address the highest risk domestic violence cases, including: annual warrant sweeps in October that focus on domestic violence perpetrators; the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) which responds with collaborative, wrap-around services in high risk/high danger domestic violence cases; and the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, which develops recommendations for future actions based on an in-depth study of the factors leading to specific homicides.

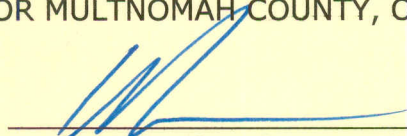
- i. The current system of intervention in Multnomah County has a national reputation for excellence, coordination and creativity.


The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

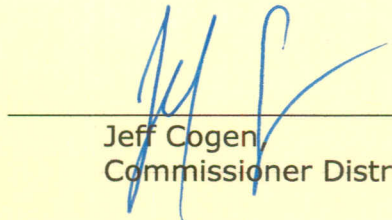
October 2009 Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon and encourages all county residents and staff to join in this observance.

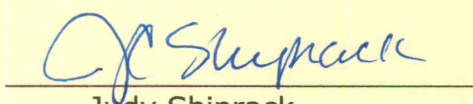
ADOPTED this 15th day of October 2009.

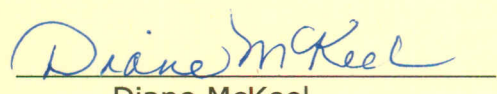
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