



## MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 8/18/11)

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 8/6/15  
Agenda Item #: R.12  
Est. Start Time: Approx 11:05 am  
Date Submitted: 7/29/15

**Agenda Title:** **PROCLAMATION Recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and Proclaiming August 6-12, 2015, as Voting Rights Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.**

**Requested Meeting Date:** August 6, 2015 **Time Needed:** 20 minutes  
**Department:** Non-Departmental **Division:** District 2  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Rev. LeRoy Haynes and Senator Margaret Carter

### General Information

**1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**

Adoption of the proclamation Recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and Proclaiming August 6, 2015, through August 12, 2015, as Voting Rights Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

**2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.**

President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law on August 6, 1965. Section 2 of the Act, which closely followed the language of the 15th amendment, applied a nationwide prohibition against the denial or abridgment of the right to vote on the literacy tests on a nationwide basis. Among its other provisions, the Act contained special enforcement provisions targeted at those areas of the country where Congress believed the potential for discrimination to be the greatest. Speakers will share historical perspectives, but also discuss ways in which community members can continue to strive for equity and justice.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

None.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

None.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

It is anticipated that local community groups and advocates will promote community conversations regarding the continuing need to focus on basic and civil rights in the metropolitan area.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**



**Date:**

7/28/2015