

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 05-008**

Expressing Multnomah County's Sympathy for the Victims of the South Asian Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

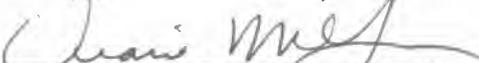
- a. On December 26, 2004 the most powerful earthquake in forty years shook the island of Sumatra causing violent tsunamis in the Indian Ocean, leaving an arc of destruction from Thailand to the Horn of Africa. The devastation defies comprehension.
- b. More than 150,000 lives are estimated to be lost, as many as five million people are thought to be homeless, or without food or shelter; thousands more are missing, and millions are vulnerable to disease.
- c. In the days, weeks, months and years to come the people of South Asia will be challenged – on an unimaginable scale – as they rebuild their homes, their communities and their lives.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners directs that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff at the Multnomah Building and all County buildings through Friday, January 7, 2005.
2. The Board of County Commissioners invites the people of Multnomah County to join in a moment of silence as an expression of public sympathy.
3. The Board of County Commissioners encourages the citizens of Multnomah County to demonstrate the generosity for which Oregonians are known by assisting in disaster relief efforts and donating directly to reliable charities already providing help to tsunami victims. These organizations include Global Impact, a non-profit organization certified by Multnomah County's Charitable Giving Campaign Council; several of Global Impact's member organizations are currently in south Asia providing disaster relief. Other Portland-based international relief organizations include Mercy Corps and Northwest Medical Teams.

ADOPTED this 6th of January, 2005.

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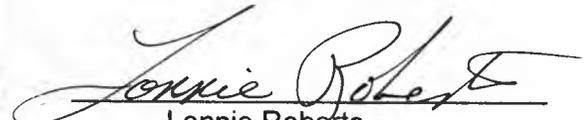
  
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