

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 06-081

Proclaiming May 23 through May 29, 2006 a Week of Remembrance for Those Who Have Died in Our Nation's Service

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The people of Multnomah County and the United States continue to honor the sacrifice of American military personnel during one of this nation's least popular wars, the Vietnam War.
- b. Located in our nation's capital, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial recognizes and honors the men and women who served in one of America's most divisive wars. The memorial grew out of a need to heal the nation's wounds as America struggled to reconcile different moral and political points of view. The memorial was conceived and designed to make no political statement whatsoever about the war.
- c. A 240-foot, three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall is traveling across America and will be escorted into Portland by a convoy of veterans and volunteers for exhibition at Lincoln Memorial Park as a service to those who may never have the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. to see "The Wall" firsthand. The exhibit, sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of Oregon in conjunction with Dignity Memorial, is intended to help bring healing to veterans, and to the families and friends of those who died or are missing in Vietnam. Admission is free and the exhibit will be open 24 hours a day from May 23 through May 28, 2006.
- d. All mementos deposited at the Wall during its visit to Multnomah County will be gathered and later interned at a special Veteran's Day Ceremony in November by the Vietnam Veterans of Oregon.

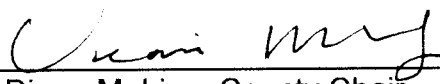
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

1. In recognition of the sacrifice of the veterans of the Vietnam War, and the approaching Memorial Day, the Board of Commissioners proclaims May 23 through May 29 a week of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.
2. The Board of County Commissioners also recognizes that in honoring those who have fallen in the service of our country, we should remember and honor those who are serving it today in many parts of the world.


3. The Board of County Commissioners encourages all community members to join in honoring every U.S. veteran, especially our Vietnam veterans this Memorial Day; and to honor those who continue to serve.

ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2006.

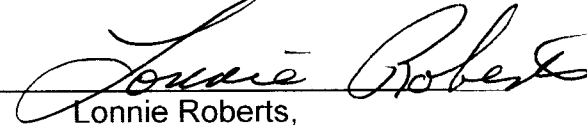
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