

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 02-050

Proclaiming April 2002 as Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:


- a. Each year the number of organs donated for transplant falls short of the need;
- b. Out of the 80,000 men, women, and children awaiting a healthy organ to replace a failing kidney, heart, liver, or pancreas, over 1,800 of these people live on the Pacific Northwest, and thousands more are in immediate need of tissue;
- c. Legislative bodies from state to local government are declaring April as "Organ and Tissue Donor Month" and encouraging citizens to sign donor cards and discuss their decision to donate with their families;
- d. African Americans make up 25% of the national waiting list for an internal organ, but only represent 11% of the donors, Family of One addresses the critical need for organ, tissue, and bone marrow donors, as well as prevention of kidney disease, within the African American community;
- e. Hispanics account for: 12% of US population only 3% of tissue donors are Hispanic;
- f. The Multnomah County supports this lifesaving program and urges all citizens to carry a signed donor car or driver's license that says YES! to organ and tissue donation;

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

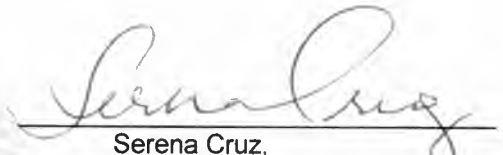
April 2002 as Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month in recognition of the important work that Family of One and the Oregon Donor Program provide for our community.

ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2002.

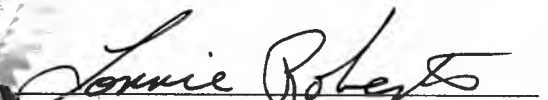
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