

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming September 12 through September 16, 2016 as Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Multnomah County's growth and prosperity depends on the full participation of all residents at every level of our economy.
- b. Each year, minority entrepreneurs return valuable resources to our community in the form of taxes, wages and employment for thousands of workers.
- c. Minority entrepreneurs are an indispensable force in our economy. More minorities own businesses than ever before providing innovations, products and services across Multnomah County.
- d. Small businesses account for 95% of all businesses in Multnomah County, many of whom are minority-owned.
- e. Minority entrepreneurs serve as leaders, mentors, teachers and models for our youth who are business and civic leaders for tomorrow.
- f. Recognizing the contributions that minority enterprises make to the social and economic fabric of our County, we will continue to remove any barriers that prevent talented men and women of every racial and ethnic background from participating fully in Multnomah County's economy.
- g. Multnomah County celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of minority business owners; we are delighted to pay them tribute for their contributions on behalf of Multnomah County's economic growth.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

September 12th through September 16th, 2016 as MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, to thank all minority business owners for your contributions to the County and to show our continuing commitment to the promotion of minority business opportunities.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 20__.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

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