

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 09-143

Proclaiming Tuesday, December 1, 2009 as World AIDS Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. According to UNAIDS estimates, there are now 33.2 million people living with HIV, including approximately 2 million children. During 2007, some 2.7 million people became newly infected with the virus. Around half of all people who become infected with HIV do so before they are 25.
- b. Over 4,600 Oregonians are currently living with HIV/AIDS, with 76% residing in the Portland Metro area.
- c. Approximately 300 people are newly diagnosed with HIV in Oregon each year; 40% of these individuals progress to AIDS within the first year because they delayed getting tested for the disease.
- d. Multnomah County area health disparities persist in populations disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS, including African-American and African Immigrant communities, and among men who have sex with men.
- e. HIV remains a significant public health problem and highlights the need for a strong, sustained and coordinated international, national and local strategy.
- f. The theme for World AIDS Day 2009 is “Universal Access and Human Rights”. Global leaders have pledged to work towards universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, recognizing these as fundamental human rights. Valuable progress has been made in increasing access to HIV/AIDS services, yet greater commitment is need around the world if the goal of universal access is to be achieved.
- g. World AIDS Day 2009 provides an opportunity to fight HIV/AIDS and highlight continued efforts to support early HIV detection, care and access

to treatment. This results in lowered mortality, fewer disease complications and reduced HIV transmission.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

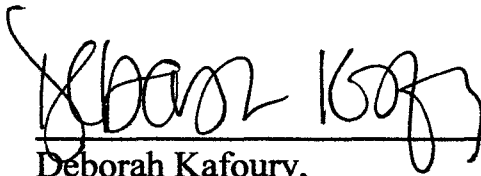
December 1, 2009 is World AIDS Day in Multnomah County, Oregon. The Morrison Bridge will be lit red on December 1, 2009 to commemorate World AIDS Day. We encourage all residents to educate themselves about the risks of HIV and demonstrate compassion to those infected by HIV and AIDS.

ADOPTED this 1st day of December, 2009. Ratified December 3rd, 2009.

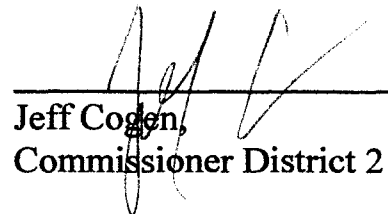
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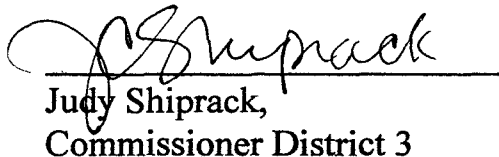
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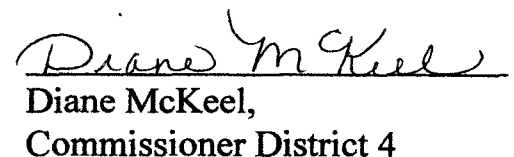
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