

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 03-040**

Proclaiming March 16 through March 22, 2003 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Health Awareness Week in Multnomah County, Oregon

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

- a. Multnomah County Health Department is committed to protecting and promoting the health of all the citizens of Multnomah County and thereby improving the health and well being of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and communities through leadership, care services, education, and community partnerships;
- b. Millions in the LGBT communities nationwide lack access to quality health care; are disparately affected by health issues such as alcohol, tobacco and drug use, HIV, depression, youth suicide, and the local LGBT community is lacking the statistics and institutional capacity to research, assess, or define it's own health;
- c. Historically the LGBT communities around the nation and here locally have time and time again found strength, resiliency and creativity in the promotion of its own health and well-being;
- d. Multnomah County Health Department is a valued part of the LGBT community and a participating member of the National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health Coalition;
- e. The week of March 16 - 22, 2003, the National Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health is committed to raising public awareness of the unique health concerns of LGBT communities, educating the LGBT communities about health issues pertaining to their unique circumstances, and educating medical and health care professionals areas of cultural competency with regard to LGBT health;

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

The week of March 16 through March 22, 2003 as **LGBT Health Awareness Week** in Multnomah County, Oregon. We urge all county residents to join us in this observance.

ADOPTED this 20th day of March, 2003.



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Diane M. Linn, Chair