



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/9/2014)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 10/30/14  
Agenda Item #: R.5  
Est. Start Time: 10:30 am  
Date Submitted: 10/21/14

**Agenda Title:** PROCLAMATION Proclaiming October 30, 2014 through November 6, 2014 as Linda Hornbuckle Week in Multnomah County, Oregon

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.*

## Requested

**Meeting Date:** October 30, 2014 **Time Needed:** 20 minutes

**Department:** Non-Departmental **Division:** District 2 and Chair's Office

**Contact(s):** Jimmy Brown

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## Presenter

**Name(s) & Title(s):** Mariotta Gary-Smith/Health Department; Ronnie Meyers Health Department; Norman Sylvester/Musician; Mark Young/Husband-Linda Hornbuckle

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Proclaiming October 30, 2014 to November 6, 2014 as Linda Hornbuckle Week in Multnomah County, Oregon

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Linda Hornbuckle, the Northwest's "Diva of Soul," started her singing career at age 6 in the Grace & Truth Pentecostal Church in Portland, Oregon. She thrilled audiences in Canada, Europe and across the United States in a variety of unique capacities: as backup singer in national acts: Quarterflash, Nu Shooz and Dan Reed; lead vocalist for the high profile Motown Revue band, Body & Soul; and in 1992 as the driving force for the blues act Linda Hornbuckle & the No Delay Band. In 1995 Linda became a bandleader and took control of her own ship, launching her voyage into stardom as a solo act. Linda's music is described as a soul-tinged hybrid of blues, R&B and soul, incorporating elements of her gospel background with a full-bodied funk. With world-class control, her confident and phenomenal vocal style swept across a smoky, soulful landscape.

Linda Hornbuckle was also a former Multnomah County Health Department employee, a gifted public health worker whose efforts to make Oregon's workplaces smoke-free and promote sexual health touched thousands of lives. Through Linda's presence, voice and

advocacy she used the stage and her performances to embrace Oregon's Smokefree Workplace law, which earned her the Public Health Hero award in 2009, and Oregon Department of Human Services' Outstanding Individual Leadership Award. Linda, as a health educator in the Health Department, also championed the National Black AIDS Awareness Day activities, the relationship education program 4REAL and the African-American Sexual Health Program. Linda was firmly rooted in her connection to the faith community and used her knowledge, experience and visibility to embrace Multnomah County's collaboration with the faith community to support HIV prevention and promote sexual health. In doing so she was instrumental in establishing with the Albina Ministerial Alliance, the faith-house community health worker project.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

N/A

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

N/A

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

On Tuesday, October 14, 2014 world class Portland musicians who worked with Linda Hornbuckle, gathered to celebrate the life of the Northwest's and Portland's own "Diva of Soul".

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Commissioner Loretta Smith /s/

**Date:**

October 21, 2014

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