

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

In the Matter of Proclaiming April, )	P R O C L A M A T I O N
1997, Earthquake Preparedness )	97-62
Month in Multnomah County )	

WHEREAS, Oregon has suffered considerable damage from several small earthquakes in the last few years; and

WHEREAS, scientific evidence indicates that Multnomah County is at risk for a major earthquake in the future; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no accurate way to predict when an earthquake will occur; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life and property can be greatly reduced if appropriate earthquake preparedness measures are taken BEFORE such an earthquake occurs; and

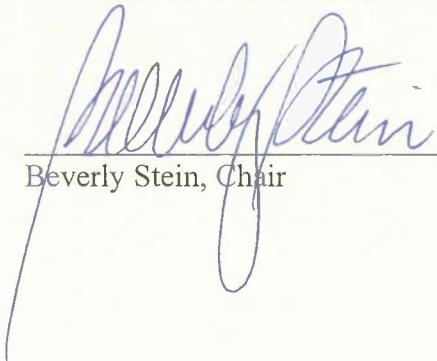
WHEREAS, emergency management agencies will highlight these lifesaving procedures and provide earthquake safety information to citizens during the month of April; and

WHEREAS, because it may not be possible to overcome physical barriers caused by an earthquake; individual, family, and organizational preparedness is crucial to survival during the first 72 hours after a major disaster until relief assistance can arrive; now therefore

The Board of County Commissioners HEREBY PROCLAIMS April, 1997 as **EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in Multnomah County, Oregon, and encourages all citizens to take a personal interest in increasing their awareness of and preparedness for the possibility of a major disaster in their community, as well as taking steps to increase their safety.

PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of April, 1997.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

  
Beverly Stein, Chair

