

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

In the Matter of Proclaiming April, )	PROCLAMATION
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

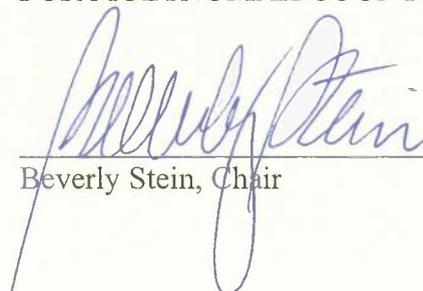
WHEREAS, emergency management agencies will highlight these lifesaving procedures and provide earthquake safety information to citizens during the month of April; and

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

  
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Beverly Stein, Chair

