

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming July 23 through August 8th as PDX Bridge Festival, a celebration of the Multnomah County Bridges.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Portland is one of the world's great bridge cities, with the Willamette River at its core, and ten bridges connecting all of its neighborhoods to the heart of downtown.
- b. Bridges across the Willamette, including the Sellwood, Ross Island, Marquam, Hawthorne, Morrison, Burnside, Steel, Broadway, Fremont, and St. Johns are vital for transportation to all in the Portland region, and serve as icons of the city to the rest of the world.
- c. Multnomah County's bridges are architecturally unique, including the world's only telescoping double-deck vertical lift bridge and the world's second largest tied arch bridge.
- d. The Hawthorne Bridge, the oldest working vertical lift bridge in the country, built in 1910, will have its centennial in this year, 2010.
- e. Citizens of the Portland area have formed PDX Bridge Festival in the common interest of our bridges, including Friends of the Willamette River Bridges, Willamette Light Brigade, Willamette River Bridge Recording Project, PDX Bridge Festival.
- f. The mission of PDX Bridge Festival is to raise awareness and foster appreciation of the Willamette River bridges through education, historic, cultural and artistic programming.
- g. Multnomah County, the City of Portland, the Regional Arts & Culture Council, the Black Rock Arts Foundation, and the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition have expressed specific interest in supporting, encouraging and celebrating the efforts of PDX Bridge Festival.
- h. Activities and events presented by PDX Bridge Festival represent key aspects of Portland's culture and are of interest to citizens across the diverse demographics of Multnomah County, thus serving to bridge the communities of the Portland Metro area.
- i. PDX Bridge Festival presents activities and events on, around and about the Willamette River Bridges, July 23rd to August 8th.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The last week of July through the first week of August to be a fortnight of Willamette River Bridges, and encourage residents to celebrate the bridges that connect us all.

ADOPTED this 15th day of July, 2010.

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