



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)**

**Board Clerk Use Only**

**Meeting Date:** 05/06/2010  
**Agenda Item #:** R-2  
**Est. Start Time:** 10:00 am  
**Date Submitted:** 04/28/2010

**Agenda Title:** **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY CARES AND CALLS UPON ALL CITIZENS TO MAKE OURS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY FOR OUR RETURNING NATIONAL GUARD SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** April 28, 2010      **Amount of Time Needed:** 10 minutes  
**Department:** Non-departmental      **Division:** District 4  
**Contact(s):** Andrew Olsen  
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**Presenter(s):** Mary Shortall, Aging & Disability Services

**General Information**

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

Approval of a PROCLAMATION calling upon all citizens to respect the sacrifices made by our returning service members, veterans and their families; recognize the courage required to ask for help when it is needed and educate ourselves about the needs of service members' and veterans' families; and learn how to provide appropriate support and seek opportunities to demonstrate that Multnomah County cares about our active-duty and returning service members and their families.

**2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue.**

Approximately 2700 service members of the Oregon National Guard will be returning to Oregon and Washington in April and May of 2010, with about 445 of them returning to communities and homes in Multnomah County. Many of these service men and women have not had sufficient time to decompress after a combat tour, and multiple deployments

have caused excessive stress on the veterans and their families that may increase the risk for family conflict, violence toward others or themselves, and crises related to employment, housing and homelessness, mental health, and substance abuse.

Fundamental elements of military culture include service to country, protecting others, courage, loyalty and comradeship; these qualities need to be reciprocated to our returning service members by the members of communities in which they live. Citizens in Multnomah County possess the resources, skills and compassion to create and enhance communities that are welcoming and supportive of our returning service members. This proclamation is intended to recognize this capacity and energize our community to support our National Guard service members, veterans, and their families.

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

None

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

None

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

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**Required Signature**

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Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:

*Diane McKeel*

Date: 04/28/2010