



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 11/6/14
Agenda Item #: R.1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 10/28/14

Agenda Title: Proclamation in Observance of Veterans Day November 11th, 2014, 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: November 6, 2014 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

Department: Nondepartmental **Division:** Commissioner McKeel

Contact(s): Sean Files

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Eric Ensley – Multnomah County Veterans Services Office Supervisor;
Michelle Matthews – The SERVe Project; Andrez Posada – Veterans ERG
Chair

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Adoption of the Proclamation in observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2014.

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.

In the thirteenth year of sustained combat operations by US Armed Forces in Afghanistan, Commissioner McKeel and the Veterans Employee Resource Group are bringing this proclamation forward to ensure Multnomah County recognizes Veterans Day on November 11th, 2014.

The duty and sacrifice of veterans throughout the history of the United States has been tremendous and significantly impactful on not only service members themselves but their families and friends. More than 1,000 Oregon Guard soldiers and airmen have been deployed this year around the world, including approximately 900 who will serve in Afghanistan. When troops deploy, life changes for so many people both at home and abroad. Recognition of our veterans and continued understanding of their experiences is important and recognized on Veterans Day each year.

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

No fiscal impact

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.

The presentation will feature the Veterans Employee Resource Group (ERG), County

Veterans Services Office, and the SERVe Project at Portland State University that partners with the County as well as other local businesses and public agencies.

The proclamation calls for all Multnomah County citizens to honor and recognize those who have served in the Armed Forces on Veterans Day. Throughout the year, multiple County departments, community organizations, and volunteers partner together to fulfill the commitment to provide improved access for veterans to employment, benefits, housing, and health care.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department**

Director: Diane McKeel /s/ **Date:** October 21, 2014

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