



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 8/18/11)

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 4/4/13  
 Agenda Item #: R.9  
 Est. Start Time: 10:35 am  
 Date Submitted: 3/27/13

**Agenda Title:** PROCLAMATION Declaring April 2013 National Minority Health Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

### Requested

**Meeting Date:** April 4, 2013 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

**Department:** Non-Departmental **Division:** District 2/District 3

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### Presenter

**Name(s) & Title(s):** Ben Duncan, Health Equity Manager, Multnomah County Health Department  
Alberto Moreno, Executive Director, Oregon Latino Health Coalition

## General Information

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

Adoption of the proclamation naming April 2013 National Minority Health Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

### 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.

The goal of this month is to strengthen the capacity of communities of color to eliminate the disproportionate experience of early death and preventable disease through prevention, early detection and control of disease complications. Minority communities have poor health outcomes due to racial, ethnic, social, environmental, economic, political and educational barriers. As a result of these obstacles, people have reduced access to health care resources and suffer higher rates of disease and death than their majority population peers.

This presentation will demonstrate how Multnomah County strives to address health disparities for communities of color. Presenters will inform the Board of County Commissioners about minority health data, the Equity and Empowerment Lens, and preview some programs and partnerships that hold promise for addressing health inequities.

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

n/a

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

n/a

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

The Office of Minority Health in the Department of Health and Human Services posts information about the importance of Minority Health Month and provides informational tools for improving health outcomes. The Office of Minority Health and Health Equity at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will host several events on their Atlanta Campuses to increase awareness and highlight health equity initiatives.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**



**Date:**

3/21/2013