



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 5/24/18
Agenda Item #: R.1
Est. Start Time: 9:40 a.m.
Date Submitted: 5/16/18

Agenda Title: PROCLAMATION Proclaiming June 3-9, 2018, as HIV/AIDS Long-Term Survivors Awareness Week in Multnomah County, Oregon

Requested Date: May 24, 2018	Time Needed: 20 minutes
Department/Division: Non-Departmental	Contacts: Katie Shriver, D1 Chief of Staff
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Presenters: Steven Headington, Let's Kick ASS, President & Co-Founder; Lee Girard, Aging, Disability & Veterans Services Division Director; and invited guests	

General Information:

1. What are you requesting from the Board?

Proclaim the week of June 5 as the Annual HIV/AIDS Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon. Provide the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners with information about the history and current issues facing Long-Term survivors.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

HIV/AIDS long-term survivors are individuals who acquired HIV in the 1980s and 1990s, before the advent of highly active antiretroviral therapy (pre-HAART) when having HIV was considered a death sentence. Long-term survivors also include individuals born with HIV, those who acquired the virus young and are now in their twenties and thirties, and those who tested past 1996 and have been living with HIV for over 10 years. Additionally, there are long-term survivors who remain HIV-negative, who were the lovers, caretakers, and frontline healthcare workers

who stepped in to take care of people with HIV and AIDS. They too suffered enormous losses and experience the same mental health stressors as those living with HIV/AIDS. Depression, complex post-traumatic stress disorder (C-PTSD), suicidal thoughts and tendencies, anxiety, lack of future orientation, and not being able to imagine growing older are some of the symptoms increasingly seen in long-term HIV/AIDS survivors, positive and negative. This has become known as **AIDS Survivor Syndrome**.

In 2017, the Multnomah County Aging, Disability, and Veteran Services Division (ADVSD) added long-term survivors aging with HIV/AIDS as a target population for organizations applying to provide culturally specific services.

This community based movement asks Multnomah county departments to work together with other community institutions to reduce health disparities, expand cultural competency, and tap into the strength, resilience and experiences of long-term HIV/AIDS survivors.

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

None

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

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

This was brought to our attention by Steven Headington, President and Co-Founder of Let's Kick ASS.

Required Signature:

Elected Official/
Department Director:

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Date:

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