

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 2011-036

Proclaiming April 10 – 16th of 2011 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. 20 million Americans are victims of crime each year and each crime affects many more, including families, friends and communities.
- b. Crime exacts an emotional, physical, psychological, and financial toll on victims as they have lost loved ones, life savings, physical and mental health, and often their sense of security that has the potential to irrevocably change the course of their lives forever.
- c. More than 30 years of progress for crime victims stands on the shoulders of dedicated advocates and brave victims who overcame shame, isolation, and indifference to gain a voice, rights, and respect.
- d. Our nation has made great progress in recognizing crime's impact on victims and celebrate advocates and survivors who through their determination brought rights and resources for victims and have changed the course of history.
- e. Victim assistance programs across the country are reaching more victims and criminal justice officials are honoring victims' rights more consistently, public understanding of victims' rights remains minimal, and our nation's victim services system remains fragmented, underfunded, and uncoordinated.
- f. More work remains to be done to address the mental health impact of crime, and to meet the needs of victims of non-violent crime, victims of terrorism, and other underserved victims.
- g. Multnomah County is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout the State of Oregon and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

April 10-16th 2011 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and honors the hard-won victories, and recommits to working together to insist on better treatment for victims to help them overcome the harm caused by crime.

ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2011.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Jeff Cogen, Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Judy Shiprack, District 3, and Commissioner Diane McKeel, District 4.