

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming The Week Of Sunday October 14, 2012 Through Saturday October 20, 2012, Reuse Week In Multnomah County

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Reuse and the organizations that promote reuse, are an important part of the local economy, providing jobs and affordable goods for Multnomah County residents.
- b. Multnomah County prioritizes the reuse of surplus materials within County operations. When a use is not found within the County, the County facilitates the reuse of those surplus materials by local nonprofits or other government entities.
- c. Since 2009 the City of Portland and Multnomah County have co-sponsored *ReUse Week*, a celebration of the principles of reuse, sustainability, and community-building and the local organizations which bring them to life.
- d. The County is an active participant in the Portland chapter of the Reuse Alliance along with our partner organizations Community Warehouse, Free Geek, the Habitat ReStore, the ReBuilding Center, SCRAP, Schoolhouse Supplies and Goodwill.
- e. The Reuse Alliance, a consortium of reuse non-profits in the Portland area, allows for greater coordination among these groups and furthers their collective mission of promoting reuse to serve our community.
- f. The highlight of *ReUse Week 2012* will be ReuseConex, an international reuse convention and expo that is being hosted in Portland from October 18th to October 20th at the Double Tree Hotel.
- g. Reuse conserves scarce and precious natural resources, diverts a wide variety of materials from the waste stream, gives new life to goods and materials, and is an invaluable tool in helping improve the lives of some of our most vulnerable residents.
- h. Our local ReUse organizations annually refurbish, reuse, and redistribute hundreds of thousands of pounds of furniture, electronics, building materials, and other solid waste from landfills.

- i. *ReUse Week 2012* and the Reuse Alliance, together with the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, will work to promote the value of reuse in our community and increase its understanding and practice in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

That the week of Sunday October 14, 2012 through Saturday October 20, 2012, shall be observed as ReUse Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

ADOPTED this 11th day of October, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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SUBMITTED BY: Jeff Cogen, County Chair