



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/9/2014)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 4/30/15  
Agenda Item #: R.12  
Est. Start Time: 11:20 am  
Date Submitted: 4.21.15

**Agenda Title:** **PROCLAMATION Proclaiming May 2015 as Older Americans Act Month 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:** April 30, 2015 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

**Department:** Non-Departmental **Division:** Comm. Shiprack and Comm. Smith

**Contact(s):** Lee Girard; Rebecca Miller - DCHS Div ADVSD

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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Lee Girard, Community Services Manager, ADVSD; Lauren Fontanarosa, SAGE Metro Portland Coordinator, Friendly House; Sarah Hollingworth, PEARLS Counselor & Case Manager, JFCS; and Other Invited Guest

## General Information

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

Proclaim May 2015 as Older Americans Act Month in Multnomah County. Provide the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners with information about the Older Americans Act on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the work of Multnomah County's Aging, Disability, and Veteran Services Division (ADVSD) to reach LGBT older adults.

### 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 1965 the United States Congress passed the Older Americans Act, marking the first national efforts to establish a broad array of services for older adults. As part of that initiative ADVSD provides a comprehensive, coordinated service delivery system for older adults, people with disabilities, and veterans with a special emphasis on low-income, limited English-speaking, ethnic minorities, and frail persons.

Older adults have a unique set of needs which require age appropriate responses. LGBT seniors in particular register higher rates of disability, cardiovascular disease, and mental distress than heterosexuals of a similar age.

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Older Americans Act, with a national campaign entitled "Get into the Act". The proclamation acknowledges the older adults who are taking charge of their

health, getting involved in their communities, and working to make a positive impact for others.

The Board will hear from officials with SAGE Metro Portland and Friendly House, working to ensure the safety and well0being of LGBT seniors in the Portland Metro area. They'll also hear from a counselor and client with Jewish Family and Child Services.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).** None

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

This proclamation highlights the continuing efforts by Multnomah County to build an age friendly community and offer appropriate services for people of all ages.

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

We worked with two community based organizations to develop the proclamation and intend to have a consumer share their experiences of an Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services program delivered by Jewish Family and Child Services called PEARLS – Program to Encourage Active and Rewarding Lifestyle.

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### Required Signature

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Judy Shiprack /s/

**Date:**

April 21, 2015

*Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved.*