

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2018-086**

Proclaiming August 23, 2018 as Opal Strong Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. Opal Strong was born on January 30, 1916 to Rosie Thompson and Fred Henderson in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.
- b. In 1943, Opal Strong along with her husband Luther Strong settled into Portland, Oregon. They both were known as community activist and mentors to the leaders of color.
- c. During her life as a political activist, Opal served Multnomah County residents through many leadership roles. Opal was a founding member and active participant leading the Humboldt/King neighborhood associations dating back to model cities, which is now the NE coalition of neighborhoods. She served as the President of the Humboldt Neighborhood Association, was a long time member of the Albina Women's League, and was an original Board Member of the Salvation Army Moore Street Community Center. Opal was appointed by the late Governor Vic Atiyeh to serve as a board member for the Council of Senior Citizens for Oregon.
- d. Opal was recognized and awarded by the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods for decades of dedicated service to the community. In 2007 she was also awarded the North Portland Community Pride Award and in 2011, Opal was the recipient of the Spirit of Portland Community Harmony Award.
- e. Opal Strong made a lasting imprint on the Portland Community by dedicating her life as a Christian and community mother who is also nationally known for her sweet potato and pineapple pies.
- f. Opal Strong's legacy and commitment to Civil Rights, community service and mentorship has made Multnomah County a stronger, more fair, and more inclusive county for all of its citizens'.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

August 23, 2018 as Opal Strong Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

**ADOPTED this 30th day of August, 2018.**



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**SUBMITTED BY:** Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2