

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 06-171**

Proclaiming October, 2006 as Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

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

- a. October is Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month in the state of Oregon. This year's theme, 'Everyday Heroes', recognizes people who identify and report vulnerable adult abuse.
- b. People who are elderly or have disabilities are among the most important resources of our county. The experience of their past can help our county meet the challenges of the future. It is fitting we recognize the need to protect their health, safety and rights.
- c. Adults who are vulnerable because of age or disability are at risk of physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect, abandonment, financial exploitation or self neglect.
- d. Approximately 5,500 incidents of abuse and neglect of older adults and those with disabilities were reported in Multnomah County in the last year; unaccountable are those incidents that were never reported.
- e. Multnomah County has fostered inter-governmental and multi-disciplinary agreements to assist in preventing abuse and prosecute those who abuse the elderly and persons with disabilities. These agreements include law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, adult protective service professionals and community activists.
- f. Our community is educating itself about recognizing signs and symptoms of abuse and is working to prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation against vulnerable populations.
- g. And, as a community, safety for older adults and persons with disabilities is a priority.

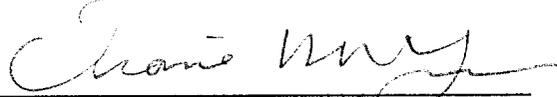
**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

The Month of October, 2006 is Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. We celebrate our pledge as friends and allies to

vulnerable adults and recommit ourselves to remain ever vigilant in our protection of older adults and persons with disabilities.

ADOPTED this 5th day of October 2006.

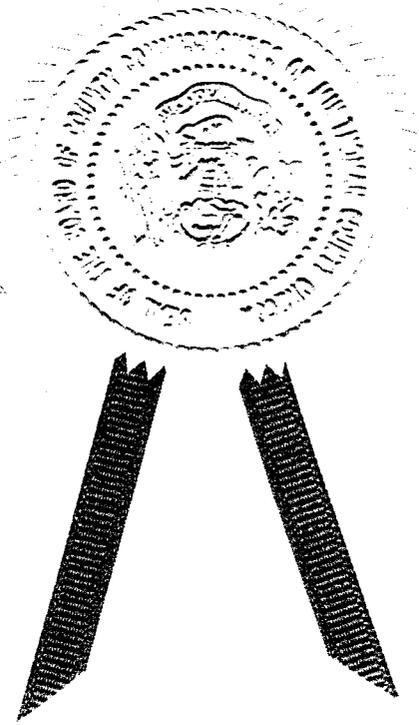
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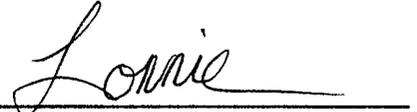
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