

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 01-091

Designating July 12, 2001 as COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER APPRECIATION DAY in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

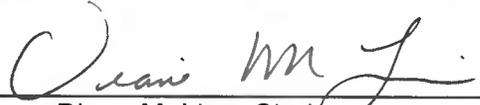
- a. Community Health Workers (CHWs) go by a variety of titles including: outreach workers, *promotores de salud* (health promoters), health information specialists, peer health educators, and family support workers.
- b. CHWs have been integral members of the health care workforce in the U.S. for over 30 years.
- c. CHWs are trained community members who serve as a bridge between communities and the health and social service system, assuring that people have access to the activities and services they need;
- d. CHWs play other crucial roles including:
 - Building communities;
 - Providing culturally-competent health education;
 - Providing health promoting social support; and
 - Providing advocacy and direct service.
- e. CHW programs have been associated with increased access to prenatal care, improved childhood immunization rates, improved birth outcomes, and community mobilization, among other outcomes.
- f. CHWs have been at the forefront of a number of public health initiatives, including the fight against HIV/AIDS.
- g. CHWs deserve recognition and support for the challenging and demanding work they do.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

In recognition of these contributions, the day of July 12, 2001 shall be recognized in Multnomah County as COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER APPRECIATION DAY. We commend Community Health Workers for their commitment to building healthier communities.

ADOPTED this 5th day of July, 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


Diane M. Linn, Chair

