

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming February 7, 2014 as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. February 7, 2014, is the fourteenth year that National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day has been commemorated. Observance of this day is a nationwide effort to mobilize Black communities to get educated, get tested, get involved and get treated.
- b. African Americans are the racial/ethnic group most affected by HIV in the United States. In 2010, African Americans comprised 14% of the US population, but accounted for 44% of all new HIV infections and 44% of all people living with HIV. Approximately one in 16 black men will be diagnosed with HIV during their lifetime, as will one in 32 black women.
- c. Blacks and African Americans in Oregon are more than three times more likely than whites to acquire HIV infection. Approximately 7 percent of people living with HIV in Oregon are black and African American. As of December 31, 2012, 322 Black or African American residents of Multnomah County were living with HIV, 8% of the total number of people living with HIV in Multnomah County.
- d. The African American AIDS Awareness Action Alliance (A6) and its member agencies including Cascade AIDS Project, Multnomah County Health Department, the Oregon Health Authority HIV Prevention Program, Planned Parenthood of the Columbia Willamette, the Portland Chapter of the LINKS, Inc., and the Albina Ministerial Alliance are working together to increase HIV/AIDS awareness in the African American community and recognize this day and its importance to all concerned citizens.

- e. It is fitting that we join with these local, national and international groups to express our strong support for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and the initiatives to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in Black communities and provide access to and utilization of HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and support services to those affected by HIV/AIDS. It is important to encourage local residents to strongly support this day and participate in events planned to commemorate the occasion.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

February 7, 2014 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

ADOPTED this 6th day of February, 2014.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

Marissa Madrigal, Acting Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2