

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming May 2015 Mental Health Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness, and prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from mental illness.
- b. Mental illness challenges are serious public health problems, prevalent in our county.
- c. All people have the fundamental and inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity, and worth.
- d. Individuals should have access to fully participate in community life including economic advancement and prosperity; fair and decent housing; quality education.
- e. Peer support and employment is effective and a key component of a recovery oriented treatment system.
- f. Education is key to understanding mental illness is treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition.
- g. Multnomah County is committed to increasing community awareness by offering mental health first aid training and suicide prevention training to better equip our community with the ability to act skillfully in the event of a mental health crisis until more experienced help is available.
- h. Because a well informed community is a healthy community, it is imperative to provide education and outreach about mental health to all county residents.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The month of May 2015 is proclaimed to be Mental Health Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. We invite all residents of Multnomah County to observe this month with activities that supports this year's theme, "*Changing the Way We Think About Mental Health.*"

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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