

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

**Proclaiming June 27, 2013 National HIV Testing Day in Multnomah County,
Oregon.**

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. HIV testing is essential for improving the health of people living with HIV and helping to prevent new infections. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that 18 percent of people infected with HIV in the United States are unaware of their infection – more than 200,000 people.
- b. The CDC also estimates that approximately half of the estimated 50,000 new HIV infections each year are transmitted by people who do not know that they are HIV-positive.
- c. It is recommended that all adolescents and adults get tested at least once for HIV as a routine part of medical care, and that gay and bisexual men and others at high risk be tested more frequently.
- d. The CDC is working to increase testing among people at higher risk in a wide range of settings outside of the medical system. HIV testing has never been quicker or easier than it is today – and it has significant benefits for individuals who are HIV positive and for those who test negative.
- e. Multnomah County conducts HIV testing in county clinics, at community field sites and community events. County staff and community health workers encourage people with sexually transmitted diseases and their sexual partners to get an HIV test as part of their evaluation and treatment.

- f. The County also participates in and staffs the African American AIDS Awareness Action Alliance (A6), a group consisting of community members, Urban League of Portland, Planned Parenthood, the Albina Ministerial Alliance, Oregon Health Authority, Portland Chapter of the LINKS, Inc. and the Cascade AIDS Project. Together, these organizations along with community health workers from the Houses of Faith project host events, workshops, testing and outreach.

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June 27, 2013 National HIV Testing Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2013.

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

Jeff Cogen, Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2