

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 98-55

Proclaiming Tuesday, May 12, 1998 STEPS TO SUCCESS DAY in Multnomah County

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners finds:

- a. On May 12, 1998, Adult and Family Services and Steps to Success will celebrate ten years of shared commitment to helping people move one step at a time from economic dependence to self reliance
- b. Steps to Success has achieved dramatic results and recognition as a national model in a collaborative partnership between Adult and Family Services, Mt. Hood Community College, Portland Community College, the Employment Office, and a wide range of community-based organizations all committed to reducing poverty
- c. Since 1988 Steps to Success has served 54,000 families resulting in 26,000 job placements since 1994, the number of welfare caseloads has declined by 55% in the Portland Metro area, compared to 22% nationally
- d. Nearly 90% of individuals finding employment through Steps to Success never return to welfare, up from 45% in 1991. During the 1997-99 State budget, taxpayers will save over \$70 million because of the decrease in welfare cases in the Steps to Success service area
- e. Monthly job placements have gone from less than 10 per month in 1990 to approximately 400 per month in 1998. The average wage at placement is \$6.57, substantially higher than the State's minimum wage, and since 1991 the cost per placement has declined from \$4,516 per placement to \$2,433 per placement
- f. Over 450 teen parents in the Steps to Success program are involved in pursuing educational or career goals

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners proclaims:

Tuesday, May 12, 1998 is **STEPS TO SUCCESS DAY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON.**

Adopted this 7th day of May, 1998.



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Beverly Stein, Chair