

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 07-100

Proclaiming May 2007 as Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. May 2007 is National Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "*Older Americans: Making Choices for a Healthier Future*", reflects the continued commitment of Multnomah County to help our community prepare for a larger aging population, and to bolster the efforts of baby boomers and older adults to achieve healthy aging.
- b. The United States population aged 65 and over is expected to double in size within the next 25 years. By 2030, almost 1 out of every 5 Americans – some 72 million people – will be 65 years or older. The age group 85 and older is now the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population.
- c. Older persons are entitled to live lives of dignity and independence through streamlined access to information and community services; information about cost-effective prevention practices, activities improving health and quality of life; and innovative, affordable options of care.
- d. Multnomah County recognizes the contributions made by our life-experienced community and supports them when making choices for a healthier future.
- e. A Vital Aging Taskforce co-chaired by Chair Wheeler and Commissioner Rojo de Steffey has been created and tasked with identifying opportunities, best practices, barriers and recommendations for enhancing the choices, engagement and contributions of older adults in Multnomah County.

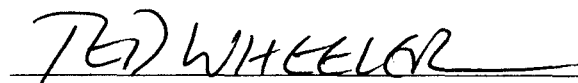
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The Month of May 2007 is Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. We urge all citizens to honor older adults and those who care for them during May and throughout the year. We urge all to promote and participate in activities contributing to helping older Americans make choices for a healthy and rewarding future.

ADOPTED this day 17th of May, 2007



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Ted Wheeler, Chair

Submitted by:
Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey