

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 2010-016

Proclaiming February 7, 2010, as "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. February 7, 2010, is the tenth annual observance of **National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**.
- b. This observance is a nationwide effort to mobilize Black American communities to get educated, get tested, get treated and get involved with HIV/AIDS, as it continues to devastate Black communities.
- c. **National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day** is directed, planned and strategically overseen by a Strategic Leadership Council made up of eight organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to mobilize community-based organizations and stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment.
- d. HIV and AIDS disproportionately affects African American and Black men, women and children living in Multnomah County, Oregon, and the United States.
- e. African Americans make up less than 13% of the U. S. population, they account for approximately half of the more than 1 million Americans currently estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS; and, the 2007 rate of new HIV/AIDS diagnoses among blacks in Oregon was twice the rate among whites, but has averaged 4 times the rate of whites during 1998–2007.
- f. The African American AIDS Awareness Action Alliance (A6), a coalition of community, county and state health entities, is hosting a community education and mobilization event to recognize this day and its importance to Black Americans and all concerned citizens.
- g. It is fitting that we join with these national and local 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 American communities and provide treatment and support services to those living with HIV/AIDS.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

February 7, 2010, as **National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day** in **Multnomah County, Oregon**, and urge local residents to strongly support this day and participate in events planned to commemorate the occasion.

ADOPTED this 4th day of February, 2010.

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Ted Wheeler, County Chair

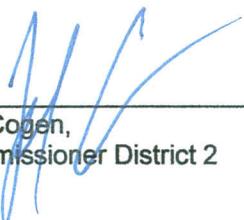


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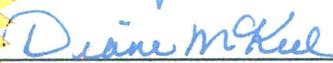


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