

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

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2010-120**

Proclaiming August 26, 2010 as Native American Foster Parent Honoring Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. A recent study by Portland State University and the Coalition of Communities of Color found that Native American children in Multnomah County are up to 26 times more likely to end up in foster care than white children, native families are 4 times more likely to be reported to the Child Abuse hotline, and once children are in foster care, native children are more likely to spend over four years in foster care than any other cultural group.
- b. There are currently approximately 400 Native American children in the child welfare system in Multnomah County. For many years there have been an extremely small number of Native American foster families that are willing to take non-related children into their homes. Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) has been actively recruiting Native foster families since October 2009, and has recruited seven additional families in that short time.
- c. **Leroy Bigboy** served as a foster parent since 1999 and provided a loving home for eight native children.
- d. **Kevin** and **Carman LaChance** served as foster parents since 1991 and provided a loving home for ten native children.
- e. **Chonitia Smith** served as a foster parent since 1998 and has provided a loving home for over 14 native children.
- f. **Darlene Foster** served as a foster parent since 1987 and has provided a loving home for over 50 native children.
- g. **Norma** and **Robert Trimble** served as foster parents for 12 years and provided a loving home for over 60 native children.
- h. **Bobbi MacAuley** served as a foster parent since 1990 and has provided a loving home for over 100 native children.

- i. **Linda and Phillip Huddleston** served as foster parents since 1982 and have provided a loving home for over 130 native children.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

August 26, 2010 as Native American Foster Parent Honoring Day in Multnomah County, Oregon and thanks all Native Americans who serve as foster parents.

ADOPTED this 26th day of August 2010.

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SUBMITTED BY Commissioner Deborah Kafoury