

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

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2012-033**

Proclaiming April 5, 2012 as Cancer Prevention Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

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

- a. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States and causes great emotional, physical and financial hardship for millions of families.
- b. In 2012, about 21,370 Oregonians will be diagnosed with cancer and 7,790 will die from cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.
- c. At least half of all new cancer cases could be prevented or detected earlier through appropriate screening.
- d. Knowledge of family health history can identify risk factors and make screening even more effective.
- e. Screening for colorectal cancer should begin at age 50 (45 for African Americans), and at age 40 for breast cancer unless there is a family history or symptoms present.
- f. Research shows that most people agree to be screened for cancer because they were encouraged by someone they know and trust.
- g. One third of cancer deaths can be avoided through prevention measures such as a healthy diet, exercise, vaccines and avoiding tobacco.
- h. Interventions targeting physical activity, nutrition and tobacco prevention can save lives and provide more than \$5 in benefit for every \$1 of investment.
- i. Individuals from medically underserved populations are more likely to be diagnosed with late-stage diseases that might have been treated more effectively or cured if diagnosed earlier.
- j. Social and economic disparities, as well as barriers to access to high quality health services contribute largely to worse cancer outcomes for African Americans, who are more likely to develop and die from cancer than any other racial or ethnic group.
- k. Multnomah County strives to improve the health of its residents and has demonstrated this commitment by continuing to support prevention interventions, healthy public policy, and ensuring access to appropriate screenings.

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

April 5, 2012, as Cancer Prevention Awareness Day and encourages people to learn their family health history and to get appropriate cancer screenings.

**ADOPTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.**

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