

NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS
AWARENESS DAY 2008 - PREVENTION IS POWER
Get **Educated.** Get **Tested.** Get **Involved.** Get **Treated.**

FEBRUARY 7, 2008
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 08-013

Proclaiming February 7, 2008, as "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. February 7, 2008, is the eighth annual observance of *National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day*; and
- 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; and
- 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; and
- d. HIV and AIDS disproportionately affects African American and Black men and women living in Multnomah County, Oregon, and the United States; and
- e. The African American AIDS Awareness Action Alliance (A6), a coalition of community, county, and state health entities, is hosting a community art contest and awards ceremony to recognize this day and its importance to Black Americans and all concerned citizens; and
- f. 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; now, therefore,

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

Thursday, February 7, 2008, is designated as *National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day* in **Multnomah County, Oregon**. We urge local residents to strongly support this day and participate in events planned to commemorate the occasion.

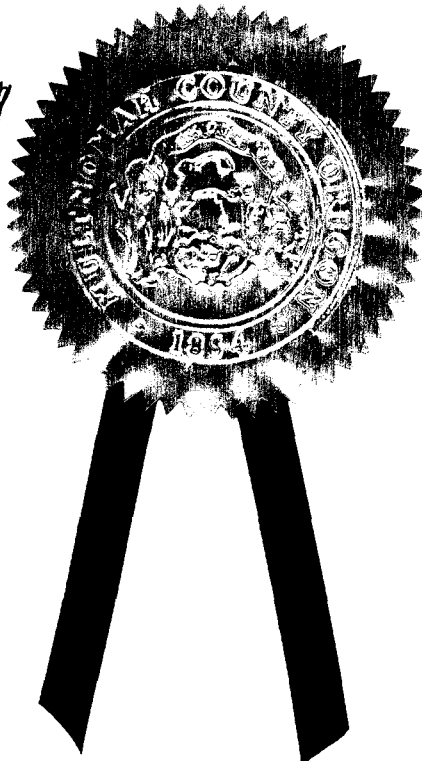
ADOPTED this 7th day of February, 2008.

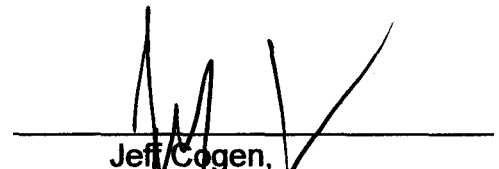
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