

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 03-128

Proclaiming September 2003 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Substance use and co-occurring mental disorders and co-existing physical illness are major public health problems that affect millions of Americans of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds in all communities, and have significant medical, societal and economic costs.
- b. People with co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders can and do recover; and people with co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders deserve access to the services they need to recover.
- c. Thousands of health care providers in Multnomah County have dedicated their lives to the recovery process and to the education of the public about alcoholism, drug dependence, and treatment issues.
- d. September 2003 offers individuals in the substance abuse treatment community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the effectiveness of treatment, both societal and financial.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

September 2003 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Multnomah County and encourages all citizens to support this year's theme: *"Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Health"*, by supporting men, women, and youth who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery and their families.

ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2003.



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Diane M. Linn, Chair