

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming April 10, 2014 Anti-Bullying Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people. It occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the Internet and cell phones.
- b. Various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually. Thousands of Oregon children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually.
- c. Targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities.
- d. Children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors and children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated.
- e. On April 10, 2014, Multnomah County schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations are encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

April 10, 2014 as Anti-Bullying Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2014.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

Marissa Madrigal, Acting Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2

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