

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2012-141

Celebrating 10 Years of the Oregon Center for Nursing: Promoting Leadership for Oregon Nurses.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and,
- b. Nurses work to alleviate suffering, promote wellness, care for those facing life's transitions, make social policy, care for the poor and disenfranchised; and
- c. Healthcare transformation in the United States has renewed emphasis on preventative and primary health care that requires expansion of nursing knowledge and skills; and,
- d. The cost effective, safe and quality health care provided by registered nurses is a critical component in healthcare transformation.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

In the month of September 2012, the Oregon Center for Nursing (OCN) has been promoting a robust workforce of well-prepared nursing professionals since 2002 and is dedicated to leadership development and promoting change to meet the health needs of our community.

ADOPTED this 6th day of September, 2012.



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Jeff Cogen, Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Lillian Shirley, Director Multnomah County Health Department.