

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Proclaiming Observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2012, in Multnomah County, Oregon.

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

- a. Throughout our country's history, valiant Americans have answered the call to duty with honor and dignity;
- b. There are an estimated 40,000 veterans in Multnomah County, including about 400 County employees;
- c. Many veterans have sustained injuries, including "invisible wounds of war", which have resulted in high levels of post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and suicide among this population;
- d. Multnomah County is committed to serving the veterans in our community by helping them gain employment, housing, physical and mental health services, advocacy in the justice system, and access to VA benefits they have earned through their service to our country;
- e. The fundamental elements of military culture include service to country, protecting others, courage, loyalty and camaraderie – qualities that need to be reciprocated to returning service members by our communities;
- f. Multnomah County citizens have the resources, skills and compassion to create a welcoming and supportive community for our returning service members. It is the responsibility of all of us to support and honor those who have served our country.

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

In observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2012, that on this day all veterans or current members of the military, Reserves, or National Guard be remembered and honored.

**ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 2012.**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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