



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 09/23/13)

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Meeting Date: 5/29/14
Agenda Item #: R.13
Est. Start Time: 11:35 am
Date Submitted: 5/22/14

Agenda Title: PROCLAMATION Proclaiming June 5, 2014 as National HIV/AIDS Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: May 29, 2014 **Time Needed:** 15 min

Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** Chair's Office

Contact(s): Emerald Bogue Walker

Phone: _____ **Ext.** 85772 **I/O Address:** _____

James Cox, Multnomah County employee (Health Dept)

Jim Clay, Retired Multnomah County Health Department, Health Services Specialist; and Executive Director Multnomah County Ryan White HIV Services Council, **Jack Cox**, Community Activist

Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Proclaim June 5, 2014 as National HIV/AIDS Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day in Multnomah County

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

HIV/AIDS is the most significant epidemic of our time. The injustices shown to affected communities, and the stressors upon those who lived for years, and for some, decades, without any time to grieve the unimaginable losses, have taken an extraordinary toll on long-term survivors. Depression, post traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD), suicidal thoughts and tendencies, anxiety, lack of future orientation, and not being able to imagine growing older are some of the symptoms increasingly seen in long-term HIV/AIDS survivors, positive and negative, mostly men but some women. This has come to be known as AIDS Survivor Syndrome. A community movement responding to AIDS Survivor Syndrome asks for the Board's recognition of the need, and a commitment to address health disparities and discrimination shown to long-term survivors.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

None.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

None.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

This was brought to our attention by Multnomah County employee James (Jim) Cox. Jim Clay is the coordinator for the Portland Chapter of Let's Kick ASS – AIDS Survivor Syndrome.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department**

Director: Emerald Walker, Chief of Staff **Date:** 5/22/14

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