

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 2010-085

Proclaiming the Month of June 2010 as Pride Month for Transgender, Genderqueer, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Other Sexual Minorities in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:


- a. Multnomah County has been the site of Oregon's June Pride Celebration since 1975, with Multnomah County government proclaiming June as Pride Month since 1992.
- b. Multnomah County does not allow or condone practices of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.
- c. Multnomah County is the second local municipality in the country to provide inclusive health coverage for gender minorities.
- d. Multnomah County's Employee Network Group Pride Respect and Integrity for Sexual Minorities (PRISM) has over 300 LGBTQ and Ally members.
- e. The Multnomah County Health Department's 2009 Speak Out LGBTQ Health Survey reported that 82 percent of respondents experienced insults or verbal abuse at some point in their life, 55 percent experienced threats of violence or intimidation, and 22 percent reported employment based discrimination based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity.
- f. More than 1,700 same-sex couples have registered in Multnomah County since the Oregon Domestic Partnership Law went into effect on February 4, 2008, but do not have the right to marry.
- g. The long and ongoing struggle of Transgender, Genderqueer, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Other Sexual Minorities for basic civil and human rights provides inspiration to all those who work against discrimination and oppression.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The month of June, 2010 as Pride Month for Transgender, Genderqueer, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Other Sexual Minorities in Multnomah County, Oregon. The rich ethnic, social and cultural heritage of Multnomah County has been further enriched by the presence of the Transgender, Genderqueer, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Sexual Minority community. We urge all County residents to join in this celebration.

ADOPTED this 17th day of June, 2010.

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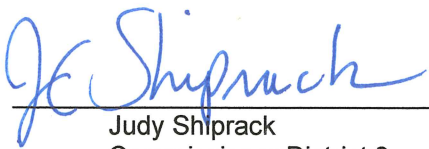
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