

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming September 2012 Recovery Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness, and prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders; and
- b. All people have the fundamental and inherent value to be accepted and treated with respect, human dignity, and worth; and
- c. Individuals should have access to fully participate in community life including economic advancement and prosperity; fair and decent housing; quality education; positive opportunities to benefit from and contribute to material, cultural, and social progress; and
- d. Education is key to understanding that substance use and mental disorders are treatable, and that people should seek assistance for these conditions, with the same urgency as they would any other health condition; and
- e. Substance use and mental disorders are serious public health problems but recovery is possible and positively benefits the Nation's overall well-being.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The month of September 2012 as Recovery Month in Multnomah County, Oregon . We invite all residents of Multnomah County to observe this month with activities that supports this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: It's Worth It.*"

ADOPTED this 13th day of September 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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