

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-065

Proclaiming August 16, 2024 through August 18, 2024 as Leisure Hour Golf Club Weekend in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Leisure Hour Golf Club (LHGC) was founded in 1944 in Portland, Oregon with the purpose of increasing minority representation on public golf courses.
- b. LHGC is the oldest African-American golf club west of the Mississippi River.
- c. LHGC is indebted to the vision and contributions of its pioneer members: Mr. Vernon Gaskin, Mr. Stephen Wright, Mr. Walter Ricks, Ms. Gladys Ricks, Mr. Sam Wagner and Mr. Shelby Golden.
- d. LHGC is a chartered member of Western States Golf Association (WSGA) and the Northwest Golf Association (NWGA), and adheres to the by-laws and constitutions of each association.
- e. LHGC held its first tournament during the summer of 1944. That tournament, "Pacific Northwest Negro Amateur Golf Tournament" was held at Eastmoreland Golf Course in Portland, Oregon.
- f. LHGC has hosted tournaments at a number of local venues including Tualatin Country Club (during the period 1951 through 1966), Broadmoor, Heron Lakes, Colwood National, The Resort at the Mountain and Meriwether National Golf Courses.
- g. LHGC continues to host tournaments at golf courses in the Portland Metropolitan area and Southwest Washington, including, Heron Lakes Golf Course, Camas Meadows Golf Course and Tri-Mountain Golf Course.
- h. LHGC is celebrating its 80th anniversary of operation and offering opportunities for golfers to enjoy public golf venues.
- i. LHGC is vested in its commitment to providing opportunities for minority golfers to play golf throughout the region, and is committed to ensuring that all golfers, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, lifestyles and economic background have a place that is safe, transparent, welcoming and enjoyable on the links and beyond.

- j. LHGC is committed to civic engagement and promotes this through the 501(c)3, non-profit Junior Golf Program, which provides skills and life experience utilizing golf as a model, to support academic achievement for local area high school students.
- k. LHGC supports this effort through providing scholarships toward higher education, engagement in trade schools and other academic programs that lead to lifelong learning. It is through these efforts that LHGC meets its civic and community engagement values.
- l. Multnomah County recognizes that LHGC has been in existence for 80 years, providing opportunities for Black golfers and other marginalized golfers of color to enjoy the values of camaraderie, connection, health and well-being, while staying focused on the values of civic engagement and academic achievement for young people.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaim:

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ADOPTED this 15th day of August, 2024



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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