

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 50

Proclaiming March 2026 as Brain Injury Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

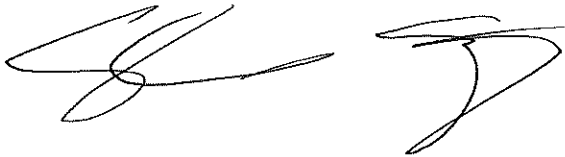
Multnomah County Finds:

- A. As defined in by ORS 410.750, Brain injury affects people regardless of age, race, gender, or ethnicity, and results from a multitude of causes, including motor vehicle crashes, falls, assault, sports injuries, military combat and training, aneurysm, alcohol or drug overdose, oxygen deprivation, or stroke.
- B. An estimated 2.8 million Americans experience a brain injury each year leading to nearly 2.5 million emergency department visits, 225,000 hospitalizations, and 65,000 deaths annually.
- C. Brain injury is now considered a chronic health condition, and with appropriate medical care, rehabilitation, case management, and community support, many survivors are able to adapt, recover, and lead meaningful and productive lives.
- D. Survivors of brain injury demonstrate resilience, creativity, and determination as they navigate changes in speech, memory, decision-making, mobility, mental health, and other aspects of daily life.
- E. Caregivers, families, medical professionals, educators, employers, and community organizations play an essential role in supporting recovery and helping survivors thrive;
- F. Advances in prevention, early intervention, rehabilitation medicine, assistive technology, and community-based services continue to improve outcomes and expand opportunities for independence, employment, education, and community involvement.
- G. In Multnomah County, survivors and families are supported by two programs in the Department of County Human Services: Aging, Disability & Veterans Services Division and the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services Division. In addition, the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Brain Injury Program and a network of service providers and caregivers, and medical partners, including the OHSU Brain Institute provide support for survivors and families.
- H. Increasing public understanding of brain injury reduces stigma, strengthens community inclusion, and helps ensure survivors have access to the care, accommodations, and opportunities to lead a fulfilling life.


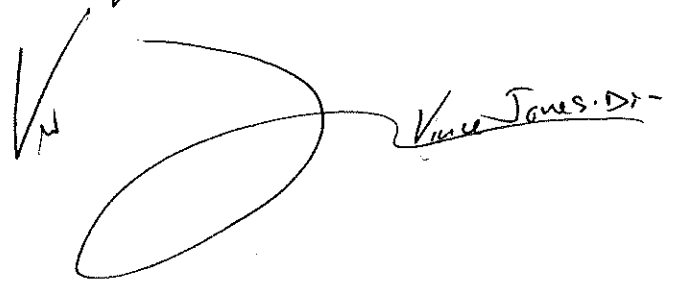
Multnomah County Proclaims:

The month of March 2026 is proclaimed to be Brain Injury Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. All county residents are invited to learn more about brain injuries and advocate for survivors.

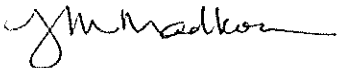
ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2026.



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