

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-001

Proclamation Declaring January 9, 2020 as **Dr. Paul Lewis Day** in Multnomah County, Oregon in Honor of his Exemplary Service as the Multnomah County Health Officer and Tri-County Health Officer.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

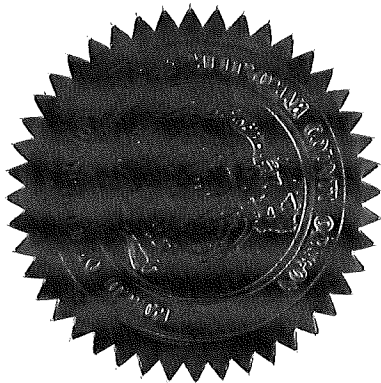
1. The Health Officer provides physician consultation, technical direction and leadership to support public health activities and clinical services in Multnomah County, fulfilling a requirement of Oregon law.
2. The Health Officer works with deputy health officers for Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties to align public health activities in the greater Portland-metro area including communicable disease prevention, outbreak response, environmental health concerns, injury and chronic disease prevention, and public health emergency preparedness.
3. In Multnomah County, the Health Officer also oversees the:
 - o Medical Examiner, responsible for establishing the causes and manner of death under special circumstances in the County.
 - o Emergency Medical Services, responsible for coordinating pre-hospital medical services for people experiencing an emergency.
 - o Public Health Preparedness, responsible for assuring the county health department and the community are prepared to manage the public health aspects of emergencies and that health care delivery providers in the six-county NW Oregon region are prepared to provide effective medical care in the face of emergencies with large and complex health impacts.
4. On Feb. 3, 2014, Dr. Paul Lewis, a pediatrician and infectious disease specialist who had worked as a health officer in the Tri-County area since 2008, took over as Multnomah County Health Officer.
5. As Health Officer, Dr. Paul Lewis has been the region's supervising health officer advising local and state government and health officials on public health policy such as air quality, disease prevention and maternal child health.
6. Dr. Lewis has tirelessly led a broad coalition of health providers, government agencies and community partners in responding to communicable disease and foodborne illness outbreaks, the impacts of wildfire smoke, heat waves, cold-related risks, and physical threats to air and water quality.
7. Whereas, Dr. Lewis has volunteered since 2012 to design, conduct and release the annual Domicile Unknown report, the region's only report on deaths among people experiencing homeless.
8. Whereas, Dr. Lewis has charted and led the regional response to the devastating opioid epidemic, from writing regional prescribing guidelines, to changing state law to greatly expand the availability of the rescue drug Naloxone, assure witnesses to an overdose could call 911 without being prosecuted through the Good Samaritan Law and continues to promote other life-saving strategies.

9. Whereas, Dr. Lewis has worked countless hours to support County policy goals including helping to survey injection drug users, provide medical care in shelters, promote planning and strategic partnerships with state, county and city partners, and communicate directly with the community through hundreds of media interviews.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

January 9, 2020 as Dr. Paul Lewis Day in Multnomah County to recognize and celebrate his significant contribution to prevent disease, promote health and assure the wellness of all.

ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2020.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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