

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Be Adopted  
Vote: 3 - 0 - 2  
Yeas: Baertschiger, George, Shields  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: Monnes Anderson, Prozanski  
Prepared By: Channa Newell, Administrator  
Meeting Dates: 4/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Commends and honors Clara Peoples for her cultural and humanitarian contributions to her community and state of Oregon.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Clara Peoples' dedication to community
- Peoples' activism in feeding the hungry and protecting the dignity of those in need
- History of Juneteenth in Oregon and Peoples' role in developing holiday

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Clara Peoples is known as "The Mother of Juneteenth" in Oregon. Juneteenth is the oldest and most widely known celebration of African-American emancipation and is celebrated every June 19<sup>th</sup> to mark the anniversary of that date in 1865 when Major General Gordon Granger read "General Order No. 3" in Galveston, Texas, declaring all slaves free. Although the Emancipation Proclamation had been in effect for over two years, slavery had yet to be abolished in Texas. On June 19<sup>th</sup> 1945, Peoples announced over Kaiser Shipyard's public address system the importance and history of Juneteenth and has ever since been a leader in the promotion of Juneteenth as a day of celebration. Peoples is also honored for her work as a community activist and founder of Community Care Association, a nonprofit that provides food and clothing to low-income individuals.

House Concurrent Resolution 8 commends and honors Clara Peoples for her cultural and humanitarian contributions to her community and Oregon.