

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Commemorating the)
25th Anniversary of the enactment of) RESOLUTION
the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964) 89-177

WHEREAS, it has been twenty-five years since the nation declared unconditional war on poverty through the enactment of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the act was to provide opportunities for every citizen to be able to participate fully in this society and to live in decency and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this legislation was to "eliminate the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty" in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this legislation created such successful programs as Head Start, VISTA, Community Action Programs, Legal Services, Foster Grandparents, Job Corps, and Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs; and

WHEREAS, the achievements of the programs included both advocacy and services in areas of great social needs such as family planning, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, day care centers, rural health clinics and programs for seniors; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the Act's repeal in 1981, the legacy and relevancy of these programs to eliminate or alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty continue today:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the week of September 24 through September 30, 1989 is hereby declared "Economic Opportunity Week" as a way to commemorate the spirit and accomplishments of the act and as a call to our community to rededicate ourselves to the tasks still ahead--for the war on poverty is not over.

DATED THIS 21st day of September, 1989.



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By Gladys McCoy
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