

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming)
Support for the Work of the)
Portland Women's Crisis Line)

PROCLAMATION
93-334

WHEREAS the purpose of the Portland Women's Crisis Line (PWCL) is to provide services not only to rape victims, but to victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual harassment and incest; and

WHEREAS PWCL operates a 24 hour a day crisis intervention hotline for women and children who are victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS PWCL provides in-person advocacies within the legal, medical, mental health systems; transportation from danger to safety; safehomes when existing domestic violence shelters are full; immediate translation in 140 languages; and

WHEREAS the Crisis Line is the oldest existing crisis line in the State of Oregon and one of the five oldest continuously existing domestic and sexual violence crisis lines in the United States; and

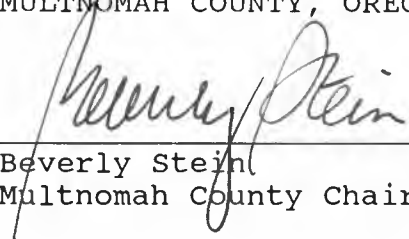
WHEREAS in its twenty years of existence, staff and volunteers have answered over 150,000 calls for help, over 19,000 calls in 1992-93 alone; and

WHEREAS PWCL volunteers have logged over 12,000 hours of service to this community, and with PWCL staff have reached over 200,000 women, children and men.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of County Commissioners proclaim their support for the important work of the Portland Women's Crisis Line and urge all citizens to be aware of the growing need for this service by observing October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PROCLAIMED this 7th day of October, 1993.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


Beverly Stein
Multnomah County Chair

