

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Creating a Multnomah County Historical Fund Oversight Committee

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. The Oregon Historical Society (OHS) houses and preserves Oregon's collection of historical documents, photos, books, maps and artifacts. The Museum and Library provide public access to research, study and interact with these materials to learn Oregon history.
- b. OHS funding was threatened by state budget cuts. As a result, OHS greatly reduced the hours its museum and library is open to the public. Without additional funds, OHS facilities would have closed to the public beginning spring, 2011. Approximately 60% of the library materials relate directly to Multnomah County history, and the OHS acts as the Multnomah County Historical Society.
- c. On August 26, 2010, by Resolution 2010-121, the Board approved a ballot title and explanatory statement (Measure 26-118) for a five-year levy to keep the Oregon History Library and Museum open to the public and support educational programs including free admission for all schoolchildren and access for all Multnomah County residents previously unable to afford the admission cost. Levy funds are also allocated to four East Multnomah County Historical Societies to protect the collection of and access to Oregon historical documents and artifacts.
- d. Measure 26-118 requires appointment of an independent citizen oversight committee representative of the County's diverse communities to review levy expenditures.
- e. On November 2, 2010, Multnomah County voters passed Measure 26-118, creating a five-year levy to support history, library, museum and educational programs (County Historical Fund).

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. That a County Historical Fund Oversight Committee consisting of 10 to 15 citizens of Multnomah County is convened to review OHS Levy expenditures. The Oversight Committee and the Oregon Historical Society will be governed by the Financial Agreement between the County and the Society which is attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution.

2. The following individuals are appointed to the Committee with Senator Avel Gordly and Nichole Maher serving as committee co-chairs.
  - (i) Armondo Manolo
  - (ii) Senator Avel L. Gordly
  - (iii) Bob Speltz
  - (iv) Carl Abbott, PhD
  - (v) Ivette Rivera-Guisti, PhD
  - (vi) Elizabeth Carroll
  - (vii) June Arima Schumann
  - (viii) Laura Bridges-Shepherd
  - (ix) Liz Fuller
  - (x) Mary-Margaret Wheeler Weber
  - (xi) State Representative Matt Wand
  - (xii) Nicole Maher
  - (xiii) Richard Johnson, PhD
  - (xiv) Rob Brading
  - (xv) Sandy Polishuk
3. Members represent the County's diverse communities, and the Multnomah County Chair will appoint new members to the Committee as necessary.
4. Beginning 2012, the Committee will report at least annually each April to the Board with respect to its review of levy expenditures. The Committee will terminate upon final distribution of OHS Levy funds.

ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Jeff Cogen, Chair

REVIEWED:

HENRY H. LAZENBY, JR., COUNTY ATTORNEY  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Henry H. Lazenby, Jr., County Attorney

SUBMITTED BY: Jeff Cogen, Multnomah County Chair