

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

*In the Matter of Proclaiming October 23) PROCLAMATION
through October 31, 1994 as Red Ribbon) 94-189
Week in Multnomah County, Oregon)*

WHEREAS, communities across our nation have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, the problems associated with drug use and alcohol abuse are prevalent in our communities, regardless of exact location, with average age of first use 11.5 years for alcohol and 12.5 years for illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, reversing this trend will not occur overnight, making it imperative that patience and continued commitment to visible, unified prevention efforts in reducing demand for drugs be supported by all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the National Red Ribbon Celebration, with President Clinton as honorary chair, has been established by the National Family Partnership to create awareness of the drug problems facing our communities, to develop parent and community teams to combat illegal drugs, and to promote drug free lifestyles for America's youth; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Partnership is sponsoring the seventh annual Red Ribbon Celebration to promote this effort; and

WHEREAS, the 1994 Red Ribbon Celebration theme is "Healthy Means Drug Free" with the goal of strengthening community networks and re-creating healthy neighborhoods where drug use is less attractive and not tolerated; now therefore

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners HEREBY PROCLAIMS October 23 through October 31, 1994 to be RED RIBBON WEEK in Multnomah County, Oregon, and encourages Multnomah County citizens to wear and display red ribbons to symbolize our joint commitment to establishing a drug-free community and one in which we may take pride.

APPROVED this 29th day of September, 1994.



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

Beverly Stein

Beverly Stein, Chair