

In the Matter of Proclaiming
December 10 - 16, 1989 as Drunk and
Drugged Driving Awareness Week

WHEREAS traffic crashes cause more violent deaths in the United States than any other cause, (approximately 46,000 in 1988, 23,300 of these were alcohol involved); and also play a substantial role in serious injuries; and

WHEREAS driving under the influence costs U. S. Taxpayers an estimated \$26 billion each year, not including human suffering that can never be measured; and

WHEREAS the best defense against the drinking or drugged driver is the use of safety belts. Consistent use by all drivers and passengers could have saved the lives of as many as 300 Oregonians last year; and

WHEREAS an increase in public awareness of the problem of drinking and drugged driving may contribute to a change in society's attitude toward the intoxicated or drugged driver and help to sustain current efforts to develop comprehensive solutions for Multnomah County;

WHEREAS the holiday season, with more drivers on the roads and an increased number of social functions, is a particularly appropriate time to promote responsible hosting and to focus national and local attention on this critical problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that December 10 - 16, 1989 is Proclaimed to be DRINKING AND DRUGGED DRIVING AWARENESS WEEK in Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this 5th day of December, 1989.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By Pauline Anderson
Gladys McCoy, Multnomah County Chair

