

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 09-059

Recognizing the Work of the Oregon Human Trafficking Task Force and Supporting the Oregonians Against Trafficking Humans Campaign

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Today, right here in the United States, it is estimated that 300,000 minors are being trafficked for sexual exploitation. Ninety percent of the victims are American citizens.
- b. The average age of entry into the sex industry is 12 years old.
- c. The Oregon Human Trafficking Task Force (OHTTF) is a federally appointed task force responsible for spreading awareness, educating citizens, identifying victims and connecting them to services, and to gather evidence in trafficking cases. The Oregonians Against Trafficking Humans (OATH) campaign is a state wide campaign being run by OHTTF to educate and enlist the citizens of Oregon in the fight to eradicate both sex and labor trafficking within their state. The OHTTF works with frontline law enforcement, federal, state, and local government agencies, investigating bodies and other organizations that are actively involved in combating human trafficking in Multnomah County and the state of Oregon.
- d. Under the Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, any child under the age of 18 being sexually exploited is a victim of human trafficking and is entitled to appropriate services.

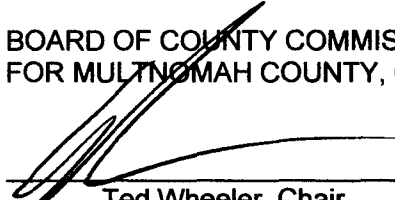
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The County will work with the City of Portland and other jurisdictions to fight human trafficking.
2. The Board supports OATH's campaign and its efforts to educate residents of Multnomah County about human trafficking.

ADOPTED this 21st day of May 2009



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