

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

In the matter of opposing)
Ballot Measure 10)

RESOLUTION
90-166

WHEREAS State Ballot Measure 10 would prohibit teenagers from obtaining legal abortions in Oregon unless, aside from limited exceptions, the parents of the teenager have been notified, and

WHEREAS Oregon law guarantees that ALL Oregonians have the right to safe, legal and confidential medical care, and

WHEREAS Ballot Measure 10 is an extremely restrictive and complicated proposal which would result in both patients and physicians being victims, and

WHEREAS physicians would face punitive fines, penalties, and lawsuits, and insurers would be prohibited from providing insurance to cover parental notification cases, and

WHEREAS too many teenagers do not have the benefit of parental guidance and understanding, but do need the support and compassion of some significant adult at the time of such a traumatic experience, and

WHEREAS Ballot Measure 10 provides no provision for counseling by professionals and other qualified adults or judicial bypass as an alternative to parental notification, and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners recognizes parents' concern for the health and safety of their children and parents' wish to counsel their children on decisions of significant consequence, the reality is, that if Ballot Measure 10 is passed, a number of teenagers will seek potentially unsafe, illegal abortions through fear of abuse, shame or even disappointment of family members, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Multnomah County Board of commissioners urge a NO vote on Ballot Measure 10.

ADOPTED this 11th day of October, 1990.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON





Gladys McCoy
Multnomah County Chair

REVIEWED:
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