

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 05-003

Promoting Racial Justice and Denouncing Hate in Multnomah County

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Our community is faced with a challenge that can bring neighborhoods, businesses, the elderly, communities of color, sexual minorities, the education community and the faith community together in support of the founding principles of this country.
- b. The laws of the United States protect the freedom of all who live here regardless of race, religion or national origin.
- c. The values of Multnomah County call for promoting racial inclusion, welcoming diversity, and utilizing city and county parks for individual and family recreation. Multnomah County also calls on all citizens to promote peace and understanding and denounce violence and acts of hatred in our community.
- d. Multnomah County strongly opposes racial, religious, sexual and gender-based oriented harassment. Multnomah County's strength lies in our unity, peaceful coexistence and equal protection under our laws.
- e. Discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation are illegal and violate the Multnomah County Code. The county will not tolerate hate crimes, intimidation or malicious harassment and will enforce, to the fullest extent of the law, any breach in laws enacted to protect all individuals.
- f. Many communities, whether they are rural, urban, or suburban, have adopted proclamations and resolutions denouncing hate mongering across the United States.
- g. This resolution further supports the constitutional rights afforded through the First Amendment and all community members' right to peacefully assemble.

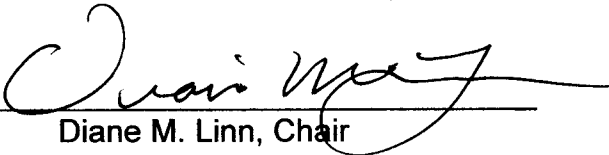
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board denounces hate and hate mongering and calls upon each citizen to extend their hand in friendship, trust and understanding to all.

2. The Board urges Multnomah County citizens to join together in strongly resisting any acts of hate or intolerance against any group or individual within our community, and calls upon the citizens of Multnomah County to actively report hate-motivated incidents.

ADOPTED this 6th day of January 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Diane M. Linn, Chair



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