

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. 00-060**

Endorsing the Million Mom March against gun violence on May 14, 2000

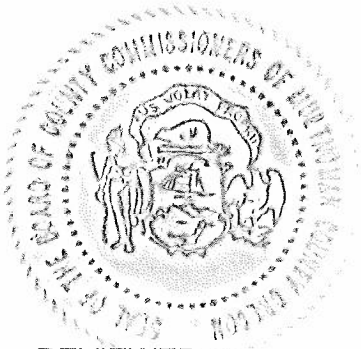
**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners finds:**

- a. Every day 12 children die from gunshot wounds. Every day there is no action on this issue, we lose 12 more children.
- b. It is the horror of events like Columbine that grab the news headlines, but these daily deaths are even more commonplace than a tragic school shooting. They are happening in everyone's backyard.
- c. Children are crime victims with one major factor in common...death. Deaths by gun violence result from circumstances including:
  - wrong place, wrong time victims;
  - unlocked-and-loaded-in-the-house victims;
  - neighbor accidentally killing neighbor;
  - Suicides.
- d. The lives of families are destroyed because a gun fell into the wrong hands.
- e. Mothers acknowledge that while guns may be necessary for hunting, law enforcement and national security, the proliferation of firearms intended for one purpose only - killing another human being - has become untenable.
- f. Mothers Across America endorse the following:
  - Sensible "cooling off" periods and background checks;
  - License handgun owners and register all handguns;
  - Safety locks for all handguns;
  - Limit purchases to one-handgun-per-month;
  - No-nonsense enforcement of gun laws;
  - Enlistment of help from corporate America.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners resolves:**

1. To support the efforts of Mothers across Oregon and the United States who are dedicated to the mission of educating our children and our country about the life-threatening danger of guns.
2. To endorse the national MILLION MOM MARCH on Mother's Day 2000 to be held in Washington D.C., and the OREGON MILLION MOM MARCH to be held in Portland on Sunday, May 14, 2000, Mother's Day.

ADOPTED this 4th day of May, 2000.



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