

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming)
The Uncensored Celebration and)
Celebrating the Library for) PROCLAMATION
Providing Access to Ideas) 93-315

WHEREAS libraries are forums for information and ideas; and,

WHEREAS library materials should not be excluded solely on the basis of content, regardless of how disputed or disagreed with the content may be; and,

WHEREAS a library is a symbol of a nation confident in its people and committed to its fundamental principles of freedom and free expression; and,

WHEREAS the fundamental American value for a system of free exchange of ideas is exemplified by a library; and,

WHEREAS an idea has no value when an opposing idea cannot be expressed; and,

WHEREAS for over 130 years Oregonians have committed themselves to the free access to information as expressed through their Bill of Rights; and,

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners adopted the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights in 1990; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is proclaimed that September is Uncensored Celebration month and that September 25 through October 2, 1993 is Banned Books Week in Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of September, 1993.



MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By Beverly Stein
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Multnomah County Chair