

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
ORDINANCE NO. 693

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4 An Ordinance creating the County Peace Task Force and the
5 Thousand Crane Award to recognize citizens who are leading
6 Multnomah County toward a peaceful non-nuclear future.

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8 Multnomah County ordains as follows:

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10 Section I. Findings

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12 A. The existence of nuclear weapons creates an
13 atmosphere profoundly detrimental to the psychological and
14 physical health of all individuals.

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16 B. The creation of a political and economic environment
17 that is devoid of these weapons is desirable.

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19 C. The Board of County Commissioners are committed to
20 the care and protection of their citizens and support efforts
21 that move the community toward a greater state of well-being.

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23 D. There exist in Multnomah County individuals who are
24 making positive efforts to reduce our emotional, political, and
25 economic dependence upon nuclear weapons through education and
26 alternative forms of economic development.

1 E. These individuals should be recognized and encouraged
2 for their efforts, the community informed of the significance
3 of their undertakings, and other individuals encouraged to
4 assume similiar challenges.

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6 F. This commitment to peace is exemplified in the story
7 of Sadako, a young girl who contracted radiation poisoning from
8 the Hiroshima blast. Sadako believed that if she could
9 sucessfully fold 1,000 paper cranes before she died, peace
10 would prevail. She died before she reached her goal. Her
11 dream remains.

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13 Section II. Annual Award

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15 There is hereby created the Thousand Cranes Peace Award.

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17 This award will be presented to individuals and businesses on
18 or about August 6th, Hiroshima Day, each year to remember the
19 destructive capability of the Atom Bomb and to recognize those
20 Multnomah County citizens who are leading our community toward
21 a peaceful non-nuclear future.

1 Section III. Task Force

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3 A. The County Peace Task Force is hereby created. It will
4 include a minimum of eight (8) members representing:

5 Oregon Peace Institute

6 Physicians for Social Responsibility

7 Educators for Social Responsibility

8 Social Investment Forum

9 Beyond War

10 Portland Chamber of Commerce

11 Multnomah County Board of Commissioners

12 and one at large member selected by the Task Force.

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14 B. Task Force members shall serve without compensation.

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16 Section IV. Responsibilities

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18 A. During its first year of existence the Task Force will:

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20 1. Initiate a design contest for the creation of the
21 Thousand Crane Award.

22 2. Serve as the selection panel for the award design.

23 3. Develop the award criteria.

1 B. On an ongoing basis the Peace Task Force will:

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- 3 1. Refine the award criteria
- 4 2. Publicize the award
- 5 3. Accept nominations
- 6 4. Select recipients.

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8 C. The Task Force will also develop funding for both the

9 design contest and the production of the annual award.

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11 D. The chair shall assign staff to assist task force members

12 in carrying out the duties assigned to them. Aside from

13 printing, mailing, and staff costs, the County will assume no

14 other liability for expenses incurred by the Task Force.

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16 Adopted this 15th day of August, 1991

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18 MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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20 By Gladys McCoy, County Chair

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22 REVIEWED:

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24 Larry Kressel, County Counsel

25 of Multnomah County, Oregon

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