

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

Supporting the Willamette Light Brigade in)
their efforts to promote lighting and preserving)
the Willamette River Bridges by sponsoring and)
being active participants in producing an annual)
Bike the Bridges event.)

Resolution

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WHEREAS, the Willamette Light Brigade has been engaged in long term planning to light the Willamette River Bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Willamette Light Brigade is a non-profit volunteer organization with limited resources; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has a long history with the Willamette Light Brigade, it having been started by former Commissioner Pauline Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County gave Willamette Light Brigade a one-time only grant of \$20,000 to help establish a base of ongoing support for their efforts; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has been working with the Willamette Light Brigade as an active partner in their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Willamette Light Brigade has now signed an agreement to work with the Oregon Special Olympics in their annual fundraising event called the BITE and produce an event called Bike the Bridges as a companion event to the BITE; and

WHEREAS, this opportunity will increase the fundraising and educational opportunities for both non-profits; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has an interest in promoting public awareness of our bridges and their \$150 million 20 year obligation to preserve the bridges;

WHEREAS, this is an opportunity to promote bicycling by forming a partnership with the Bicycle Transit Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation has received two requests for permits to stage bridge/bicycle events and has requested that the County indicate which event it is going to support as part of the ODOT permit process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland will also be a partner in this event and will want to know the County's intentions; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County is committed to forming creative partnerships with non-profit community organizations which further our mutual goals; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that Multnomah County will work in an active partnership with the Willamette Light Brigade and the Oregon Special Olympics to produce the Bike the Bridges event on August 17, 1997 to promote public awareness and support for the Willamette River bridges, to enhance education of the public about people with special needs, and to raise money to meet our mutual goals and serve our community; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that we will work with the City of Portland and the Oregon Department of Transportation to make this a successful, safe, family oriented event, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that we strongly urge our Multnomah County employees to participate as volunteers in this community event to show our good will and commitment to enhancing our community.

Dated this day of January 9, 1997.




**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**


Beverly Stein, Chair

REVIEWED:

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