

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

Proclaiming September 18, 1996)	
to be <i>WHITE ROSE DAY</i> in)	PROCLAMATION
Multnomah County, Oregon)	96-160

WHEREAS, Nazi Germany, defying all democratic principles, established a dictatorship that affected all areas of life and instituted the persecution or annihilation, or both, of Jews, Gypsies, the disabled, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, political dissidents, Poles, Soviet prisoners of war and many others; and

WHEREAS, resistance to the Nazis and their regime of terror was difficult and dangerous. Nazis and Nazi helpers killed more than 130,000 Germans who attempted to resist; they incarcerated hundreds of thousands of resisters in concentration camps, high security prisons and jails; and they summoned more than one million people to Gestapo interrogations; and

WHEREAS, the key members of the White Rose, including the students Willi Graf, Christoph Probst, Alexander Schmorrell, Sophie Scholl and Hans Scholl and Professor Kurt Huber, formed an organized resistance movement against the Nazis from 1942-43. Their activities included subversive reading and discussion groups and the distribution of anti-Nazi leaflets publicly in Munich. The group made contacts in the cities of Hamburg, Saarbrucken, Ulm, Freidburg, Stuttgart and Berlin; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 18, 1943, Hans and Sophie Scholl were arrested at the University of Munich, where they had distributed their sixth leaflet. They were immediately tried and executed. Many others involved in the group received prison terms; and

WHEREAS, the leaflets of the White Rose show an acute awareness of the persecution of Jews, Poles, political dissidents and others, as well as the Nazis' dictatorial and imperialistic goals. The messages of the White Rose about peace, freedom of speech and freedom and equal human and civil rights for all stand as lessons for all citizens in a democratic, pluralistic society. We should commemorate the group's courage and intellectual insights.

THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners HEREBY PROCLAIMS September 18, 1996 to be *WHITE ROSE DAY* in Multnomah County, Oregon and encourages all citizens to join in this observance.

DATED this 12th day of September, 1996.

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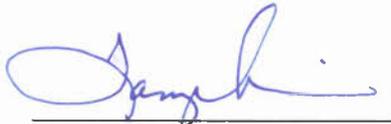
Beverly Stein, Chair



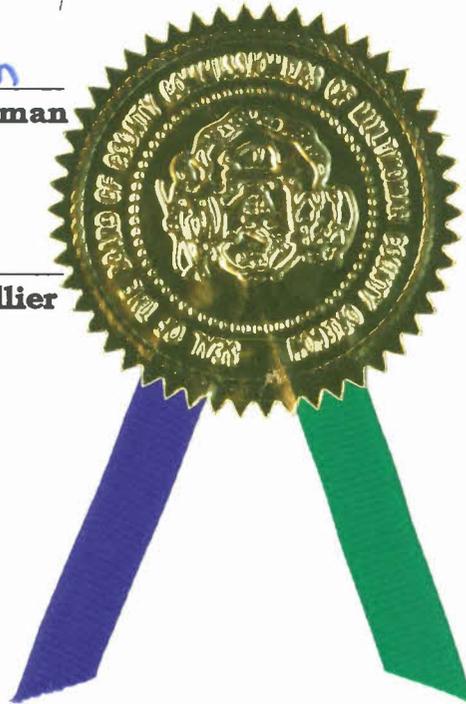
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Commissioner Gary Hansen



Commissioner Tanya Collier





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