

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of health)
hazards caused by pesticide) RESOLUTION
spray residues) #88-170

WHEREAS, many of the pesticides widely used in growing table grapes are possibly toxic and/or carcinogenic; and

WHEREAS, deaths from cancer among farm workers and their children exposed to pesticides used in growing table grapes have been much above the national rate; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez, President of the United Farm Workers recently completed a thirty-six day fast to increase public awareness of the seriousness of this health threat; and

WHEREAS, the United Farm Workers have called on table grape growers to ban five of the most dangerous chemicals: captan, dinoseb, methyl bromide, parathion and phosdrin; and

WHEREAS, consumers of table grapes may be unknowingly exposing themselves to levels of pesticide residues which can have serious health repercussions; and

WHEREAS, some concerned local grocers have provided independently conducted tests to assure consumers that their produce is not pesticide contaminated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners applauds the efforts of local grocers who voluntarily provide consumers assurances of safe produce; and

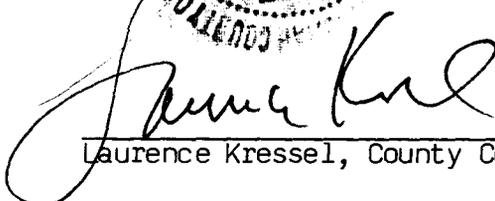
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all County Facilities that serve food are encouraged to refrain from the use of table grapes to show support of efforts to eliminate the threat of pesticides; and

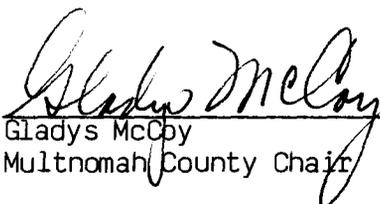
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support Cesar Chavez's efforts to alert all of us to the risks of pesticides and call upon citizens to find creative ways to show our growing awareness of the dangers of pesticides used in growing our food.

ADOPTED this 15th day of September, 1988.

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Laurence Kressel, County Counsel

By 
Gladys McCoy
Multnomah County Chair