

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY

In the Matter of Proclaiming
Appreciation to Carole Pope,
Founder and Executive Director
of Our New Beginnings

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PROCLAMATION
92-227

WHEREAS, Our New Beginnings, a nationally recognized and exemplary program which was the first of its kind for women in the State of Oregon to function as a sentencing alternative for female offenders, an option for women upon release from prison, and a condition of probation, was created by Carole Pope who has served as Executive Director for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Our New Beginnings has added to the existing data about female ex-offenders and their special needs while helping hundreds of women turn their lives around by providing structure, consistency, love, and support in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, Our New Beginnings has served as a home to many children - some newly born and some who were born drug addicted, giving them special care and attention while their mothers in the program received guidance, professional counseling and learned skills to help them transit into society in a non-criminal manner; and

WHEREAS, Carol Pope's total commitment and outstanding work has been accomplished at a tremendous personal sacrifice, as she has focused on the day to day operations of the program, advocated for the needs of female ex-offenders, educated the public to understand and recognize the value of this population, and strived to make the system more responsive and responsible.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners sincerely appreciates the service rendered to our community by Carole Pope and Our New Beginnings; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners wishes Carole the best of luck in pursuing future endeavors in a manner which is mutually satisfying to herself and the people she chooses to serve, as she continues her efforts to enhance the quality of life for others.

ADOPTED this 17th day of December. 1992.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By Gladys McCoy
Gladys McCoy, County Chair

