

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-019**

Authorizing Library Legal Action Regarding Internet Filtering

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. On Dec. 21, 2000, President Clinton enacted into law the Children's Internet Protection Act (hereinafter "the Act"). The Act requires public libraries receiving certain federal funds to adopt Internet safety policies and use filtering software to block Internet access for children and adults to materials that are obscene, contain child pornography or are deemed to be harmful to minors.
- b. Decisions regarding library policies, including public Internet access policies, are best made at the local not the federal level.
- c. Multnomah County Library already has in place an Internet safety policy and offers customers the option of filtered Internet searches. Filtering software does not yet reliably block potentially offensive material and often does block useful, legal information.
- d. The American Civil Liberties Union intends to challenge the Act and asks Multnomah County Library to participate as one of several libraries to be named as plaintiffs in its lawsuit (hereinafter "ACLU Lawsuit").
- e. The Library Board recommended at its Feb. 13, 2001, meeting that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners authorizes Multnomah County Library to become a named plaintiff in the ACLU Lawsuit.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. Multnomah County Library is authorized to participate as a plaintiff in the ACLU Lawsuit.
2. County Attorney is authorized to enter into an agreement with the ACLU. The ACLU will provide legal services for this lawsuit.

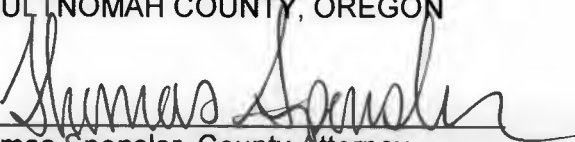
ADOPTED this 22nd day of February, 2001



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