

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of encouraging business clubs to voluntarily adopt a policy of non-discrimination against individuals based on gender.)
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) RESOLUTION
) 89-181

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has a history of promoting equality among its citizens and is committed to a policy of non-discrimination among Portland's businesses and institutions, and,

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon specifically prohibits discrimination against individuals based on gender as defined in ORS. 30.670-.685, and,

WHEREAS, Multnomah County finds that in spite of state statutes prohibiting discrimination based on gender, some business clubs continue to discriminate against individuals based on gender by not allowing application for membership or by limiting admittance to their facilities, and,

WHEREAS, Multnomah County finds that business clubs are not distinctly private in nature, and,

WHEREAS, Multnomah County finds athletic, charitable, religious or fraternal organizations are distinctly private in nature, and,

WHEREAS, business clubs have a history of playing a significant role in shaping public policy and contributing to the well-being of our County, and,

WHEREAS, business clubs and Multnomah County would benefit from more balanced representation, allowing full participation of all citizens meeting application qualifications.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Multnomah County calls upon members of business clubs to adopt a policy of non-discrimination based on gender by January 1, 1990.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event business clubs are unable or unwilling to correct the problem voluntarily, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners directs that action be undertaken to work with business clubs in the community to draft and present an ordinance by January 1, 1990 that would mandate non-discrimination based on gender.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution does not apply to those charitable, athletic, religious or fraternal organizations which are distinctly private in nature.

ADOPTED this 5th day of October, 1989.

By

Gladys McCoy
Gladys McCoy, Chair
Multnomah County, Oregon

REVIEWED:

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