BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Recognition of American Family Celebration Week in Multnomah County	)))	RESOLUTION #88-65

WHEREAS, American families are fundamental building blocks of our society; and

WHEREAS, families provide a web of mutual support for their members; and

WHEREAS, this support system comes in many varieties, because families are diverse; and

WHEREAS, families have changed dramatically in the last twenty years; and

WHEREAS, families have both greater choice in lifestyle and increased economic and social constraints, including the growing number of jobs which are low-paid and without adequate benefits; and

WHEREAS, families are facing unprecedented challenges in job security, homelessness, lack of affordable health care, child care, drug abuse and other pressures; and

WHEREAS, these problems are compounded by the still prevalent problems of racism and discrimination for Black, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian American families; and

WHEREAS, the web of support provided by our families is only so strong as the strands within it, and the threat to one strand jeopardizes the whole; and

WHEREAS, it is our strong belief that the federal government has an essential role in strengthening basic rights for American families;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Multnomah County hereby recognizes that in order for families to thrive, all families must have affordable, quality support, including: a job and economic security; health care, child and elder care; family leave; services for the elderly; quality education, equal opportunity; equal pay for work of equal value; permanent housing; and a safe environment in which to live and work.

Dated this 12th day of May, 1988.

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By Gladys McCoy
Gladys McCoy, Chair