

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

**Recognizing Grant Magazine, Grant High School's Journalism Program, for
Outstanding Achievement**

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Grant School, located in Portland, Oregon, in Multnomah County, has developed a successful print and online publication. The magazine is produced by a diverse group of young people, supported by adult volunteers, that has been recognized on a regional and national level.
- b. The student journalists have not shied away from tackling difficult topics in their reporting. The publication has reported on topics such as misogyny, bullying and racism on campus. Many times, these journalists had their reporting followed by larger local media outlets.
- c. In March 2015, *Grant Magazine* won its second consecutive Gold Crown Award from the prestigious Columbia (University) Scholastic Press Association. The students competed against more than 1,200 schools from the U.S. and as far away as Asia.
- d. *Grant Magazine* also received three First-place awards and three Second-place awards in the 2015 Washington State University Edward R Murrow High School Journalism contest, a regional competition that includes schools from Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, Washington and Montana. All these achievements are most noteworthy given that the publication is only in its fourth year.
- e. *Grant Magazine's* editors are: Hunter Stewart, Bella Rideau, Koji Wieber and Eliza Kamerling-Brown, Editors-in-Chief; Cassius Pettit, Photo Editor; Sawyer Montgomery, Online Editor; Rennie Kendrick, Managing Editor; Molly Metz and Jackie Rath, Assistant Managing Editors; and Max Tapogna, the Quick Mag Editor. Other staff members include: Janelle Arnold, Rowena Balasubramani, Jessica Barr, Amber Burkhart, Sarah Hamilton, Finn Hawley-Blue, Sophie Hauth, Cassie Hill, Taylor Ishida, Cade May, Blu Midyett, Amelia Morrison, Lael Tate, and Tess Waxman. The team is mentored by David Austin, the Communications Director for Multnomah County, and a volunteer for Grant High School.

f. Their tenacity and dedication honor their families, school and community. *Grant Magazine* team members demonstrate a passion for journalistic integrity, teamwork, service to their community, and academic achievement.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

Grant Magazine, the Grant High School publication, as a media leader that exemplifies the very best in high school journalism.

ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2015

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Deborah Kafoury, Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2