

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISISONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

Supporting neighborhood associations,)	RESOLUTION
business associations, and community)	97-72
organizations that wish to help financially)	
in the enhancement of hours to their)	
neighborhood library branches)	

WHEREAS, reduction in library operating hours has caused significant alarm throughout Multnomah County; and,

WHEREAS, offices of Multnomah County Commissioners have received tremendous outpouring of cards and letters from citizens asking how they can provide financial and volunteer support to keep their individual library branches open; and,

WHEREAS, knowing that Multnomah County will be unable to further enhance the hours in those branches that are designated to become part of the piggyback program by being broken into branch pairs, consisting of Albina-Sellwood, Belmont-Holgate, Capitol Hill-St. Johns and Gregory Heights-Rockwood; and,

WHEREAS, the hours in each library within a pair will be reduced to 18 hours per week; and ,

WHEREAS, several communities have approached the Board of Multnomah County Commissioners with ideas to help enhance or “buyback” operating hours within their individual branches; now therefore

IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners applaud the creativity of community groups, neighborhood associations and business associations throughout Multnomah County looking for ways to enhance or maintain 30 hours per week in those branches that are to be placed in the piggyback program; and,

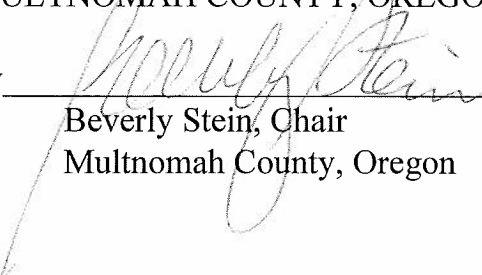
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that by recognizing these groups we are acknowledging their significant investment in time, energy and money to help maintain the integrity of their branch as an integral part of their neighborhood. The Library Director is hereby directed to assist those groups that have been able to raise adequate funding to enhance or "buyback" branch hours.

ADOPTED this 17th day of April, 1997



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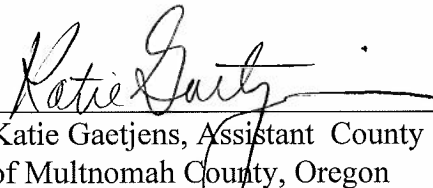
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