

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Designating Violence Against Girls as ) RESOLUTION  
a High Priority for Multnomah County ) 97-112

WHEREAS, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners were briefed  
by SPIRIT, a group formed to address the issues of Violence Against Girls; and

WHEREAS, SPIRIT found in their survey of 250 girls that a significant  
number reported being sexually harassed, either physically or verbally at or around school,  
and reported that they had been or were in a physically or verbally abusive relationship.

WHEREAS, Multnomah County recognizes that a safe environment,  
including families, relationships, schools, and communities, is necessary to assure the  
potential of every child; and

WHEREAS, addressing Violence Against Girls is part of county  
benchmarks including high school completion, reducing violence, reducing violence by and  
against youth, reducing domestic violence, reducing teen pregnancy and promoting  
wellness; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County is concerned about the issue of violence  
against girls; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County provides services to children, youth and  
families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County  
Commissioners of Multnomah County designates violence against girls as a high priority

1 for Multnomah County and directs those departments which provide services to youth to  
2 assist the County's Domestic Violence Coordinator to produce an implementation plan for  
3 addressing this issue and report back to the Board of County Commissioners on or before  
4 January 15, 1998.

5 DATED this 12th day of June, 1997.



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