

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 01-057

Granting the Oregon Food Bank Permission to Host a Fundraising Event on the Hawthorne Bridge

The Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners Finds:

- a. In 1999, 464,000 people received emergency food boxes from the Oregon Food Bank Network, an increase of 15% over the preceding year. That is the equivalent of one in eight people in Oregon and Clark County, Washington.
- b. Nearly half of the Oregonians receiving emergency food each year are children.
- c. The Oregon Food Bank is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to fighting hunger and its root causes. Food from a variety of sources is distributed through its warehouses to a network of eighteen regional food banks across Oregon and 280 local agencies in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties as well as Clark County, Washington.
- d. Since 1987, the Oregon Food Bank has sponsored the Waterfront Blues Festival, which has attracted more than 100,000 attendees who have donated over \$1.6 million and 660,500 pounds of food for the Oregon Food Bank.
- e. Last year, the Oregon Food Bank had to turn down over four million pounds of potential food donations because of the lack of storage and warehouse space. This food is equivalent to 100,000 additional food boxes, each containing a three to five day supply of food for a family of three.
- f. The Oregon Food Bank Capital Campaign seeks to raise \$11 million to construct a 104,000 square foot warehouse and office facility. This facility will remove barriers that limit the amount of food gathered, allow more member agencies to be served and reduce the costs of collecting and distributing food to the network.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Oregon Food Bank is granted permission to conduct a special event on the Hawthorne Bridge in conjunction with the Waterfront Blues Festival to raise funds for its Capital Campaign.
2. One lane in each direction of the Hawthorne Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic beginning at 7:00 p.m. on July 3, 2001.

3. All four lanes of the Hawthorne Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic from 10:00 pm on July 3, 2001 to 5:00 am on July 5, 2001.
4. The Oregon Food Bank will obtain any permits required by the Oregon Liquor Control commission for the event.
5. The Oregon Food Bank will obtain the necessary permits from Multnomah County. The Oregon Food Bank and Multnomah County will obtain the necessary permits from the City of Portland, Oregon Department of Transportation. The Oregon Food Bank will develop a transportation plan for the bridge closure. The Oregon Food Bank will also implement a plan to inform interested parties such as marine and tour boat operators, businesses, visitors and neighborhood associations about the bridge closure to avoid unnecessary inconvenience.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of May, 2001.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Bill Farver, Interim County Chair

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