

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 00-055

Proclaiming April 22, 2000 as EARTH DAY 2000 in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Thirty years ago, more than 20 million Americans joined together on Earth Day in a demonstration of concern for the environment. Their collective action resulted in the passage of sweeping new laws to protect our air, water, and land.
- b. In the 30 years since the first Earth Day, despite improvements in some areas, the environmental health of the planet is increasingly endangered. Environmental problems, including global warming, ozone depletion, over-population, depletion of the rain forests, ocean pollution, species extinction, and toxic wastes, require action by all sectors of society to protect the health of our planet.
- c. Multnomah County has a long history of promoting stewardship for the earth through its environmentally responsible actions. The county is an established leader in energy conservation, environmentally responsible construction techniques and the use of mass transit. Recently, Multnomah County agreed to purchase one-percent of its electric power from "green" sources, making the county the largest purchaser of green power in the Northwest. The county has also recently become a member of the Oregon Natural Step Network and the United States Green Building Council.
- d. Earth Day 2000 is a call to action for all citizens to join together in preserving our environment for future generations.

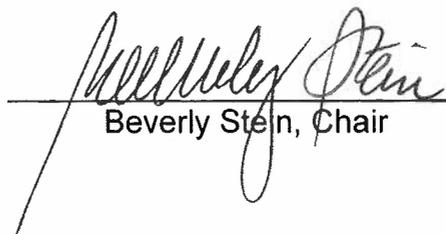
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

April 22, 2000 as EARTH DAY 2000 in Multnomah County, and declares its support for public activities and demonstrations promoting the preservation of the global environment, the conservation of natural resources, and the implementation of sustainable business practices.

ADOPTED this 20th day of April, 2000.



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Beverly Stein, Chair