

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

For the purpose of urging restraint)	RESOLUTION
in the use of military force in the)	
Persian Gulf)	90-206

WHEREAS the President has stationed troops in Saudi Arabia since August, 1990, including Divisions of the Oregon National Guard; and

WHEREAS the President should not undertake extended military intervention without the endorsement of Congress; and

WHEREAS military and foreign policy leaders have expressed views in favor of use of economic sanctions and other diplomatic means, rather than military intervention, to remove Iraq from Kuwait; and

WHEREAS the full economic and political impacts of sanctions have not yet taken effect; and

WHEREAS the presence of the United States in Saudi Arabia has been directly linked to preserving the country's oil supply, while the Bush administration has produced a transportation plan which increases our dependence on oil; and

WHEREAS the United States lacks an energy policy which would reduce our reliance on oil; and

WHEREAS funds spent on military intervention are desperately needed in Multnomah County for mass transit development, infrastructure maintenance, environmental preservation, human investment and education; and

WHEREAS military intervention could involve extreme loss of life and provoke conflicts throughout Europe and the Middle East; and

WHEREAS the American men and women in the Middle East are bearing a disproportionate burden of risk compared to those from other countries more dependent on oil; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners opposes US military intervention in the Middle East and urges the President to further engage in peaceful, diplomatic multi-national efforts to resolve the invasion of Kuwait; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board urges the President and Congress to use tax dollars to support the development of non-oil energy sources and energy-efficient transportation.

ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 1990.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

BY Gladys McCoy
Gladys McCoy, Chair

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