

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Designating and Proclaiming)
Sunday, April 22, 1990, as Earth Day 1990)
and Launching the "Decade of the Environment.")
RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, almost twenty years ago, more than twenty million Americans joined together on Earth Day in a demonstration of concern for the environment, and their collective action resulted in the passage of sweeping new laws to protect our air, water, and land; and

WHEREAS, in the nineteen years since the first Earth Day, despite environmental improvements, the environmental health of the planet is increasingly endangered, threatened by Global Climate Change, Ozone Depletion, Growing World Population, Tropical Deforestation, Ocean Pollution, Toxic Wastes, Desertification, and Nuclear Waste requiring action by all sectors of society; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day 1990 is a national and international call to action for all citizens to join in a global effort to save the planet; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has supported state and federal legislation which has contributed to the development of programs to protect certain elements of the environment; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has environmental responsibilities which include land use planning, management of transportation systems, protection of fish, wildlife and recreation resources and the preservation of natural areas and parks; and

WHEREAS, citizens and business leaders are now recognizing environmental protection and resource conservation as essential prerequisites to sustainable development, and

WHEREAS, Earth Day 1990 activities and events will educate all citizens on our place in nature and the importance of acting in an environmentally sensitive fashion by recycling, conserving energy and water, using efficient transportation, and adopting more ecologically sound lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day 1990 activities and events will educate all citizens on the importance of buying and using only those products least harmful to the environment; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day 1990 activities and events will educate all citizens on the importance of doing business only with those companies that are environmentally sensitive and responsible; and

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WHEREAS, Earth Day 1990 activities and events will educate all citizens on the importance of supporting the passage of legislation that will protect the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners for Multnomah County designate and proclaim April 22, 1990, as Earth Day 1990 and that that day shall be set aside for public activities promoting preservation of the global environment and launching the "Decade of the Environment."

April 12, 1990

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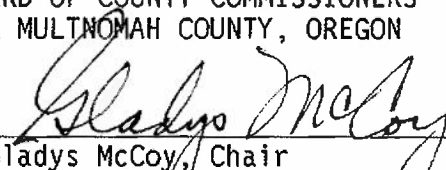
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