

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

In the matter of endorsing)
Ballot Measure #6)

RESOLUTION 90-173

WHEREAS, Oregon produces more than two million tons of solid waste every year and recycles only 20%; and

WHEREAS, single-use packaging constitutes one-half, by volume, of all waste going to our landfills; and

WHEREAS, the amount of garbage produced in the Portland Metro area is rapidly increasing; and

WHEREAS, traditional "bury or burn" methods of trash disposal have contaminated groundwater supplies, polluted the air, and depleted our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, costs of landfill disposal for the Portland Metro area have increased dramatically, from \$8 per ton in 1989 to \$55 per ton in 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Legislature has established priority in methods of managing solid waste as Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, Landfill; and

WHEREAS, source reduction has been determined to be the first priority because it is the most effective method; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure #6 would promote solid waste reduction and recycling by establishing reasonable recycling standards for packaging that would be phased in gradually over 12 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses Ballot Measure #6 in order to protect the quality of Oregon's water and air, preserve natural resources, and save millions of dollars on solid waste disposal.


ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1990



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By 
Gladys McCoy, Chair

REVIEWED


for Laurence Kressel, County Counsel