

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

In the matter of the Board of Multnomah)
County Commissioners accepting a report of)
the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission) RESOLUTION
entitled, "Juvenile Justice Services Study")
dated September 1988) #88-200

WHEREAS, we are in danger of losing, if indeed dispensing with, an entire generation of young Americans who have fallen victim to the compound illnesses that plagues our society in general, if not our young people in particular; and

WHEREAS, according to some experts, a fundamental breakdown in the family structure and other systems directed at supporting and developing our young, the prevalent availability of drugs, and other malevolent forces have impaired the emotional, moral and intellectual growth of our children; and

WHEREAS, many of these children have manifested the effects of these forces in behavior which violates, among other codes and standards of living, the letter of the law; and

WHEREAS, just as minorities generally suffer a disproportionate share of this country's misery, a substantial number of minority youth find themselves caught in a vicious downward spiral which, if the flow is not reversed, impairs the growth of our young people; and

WHEREAS, these young people interface with the juvenile justice system, a part of which is dedicated to steering young people toward more personally and socially productive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the County of Multnomah has delegated to the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission the responsibility of monitoring and evaluating the degree to which its Juvenile Justice System, including the Juvenile Services Commission, is functioning such that children of color are being adequately served and directed away from self-destructive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission has conducted research and completed its report of the functioning of the Juvenile Services Commission and system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MHRC formally presents its research report to the Board of County Commissioners for its acceptance and consideration for establishing, amending or reinforcing policy to ensure that minority youth are being adequately served and directed away from self-destructive behaviors by the Juvenile Services System.

ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 1988

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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