

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF
UNITED WAY'S COMMUNITY RELIEF FUND**

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The worsening economic environment is resulting in dramatically increased demand for services to support basic human needs such as food, rent, utilities, and medications.
- b. The community's safety net system is heavily overloaded and without additional funding will not be able to respond to the extreme financial challenges facing individuals and families.
- c. United Way of the Columbia-Willamette is organizing a Community Relief Fund to coordinate a community-wide effort to secure funding and ensure that non-profit agencies can rapidly respond to basic needs.
- d. This four-county collaboration will bring together funders and service providers, including Multnomah County, in a full partnership.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:


Our support and gratitude to United Way for establishing the Community Relief Fund.

Further, Multnomah County's Division of Community Services will work with United Way to determine which providers in the county deliver safety net services and participate in a regional steering committee to provide input and oversight of the process that is established for distributing those funds.

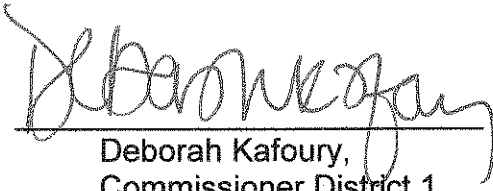
The County will participate in launch and other events to demonstrate our support for this effort and actively promote the campaign to our stakeholders and supporters.

SIGNED this 19th day of February, 2009.


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Ted Wheeler, County Chair



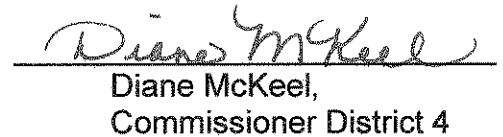
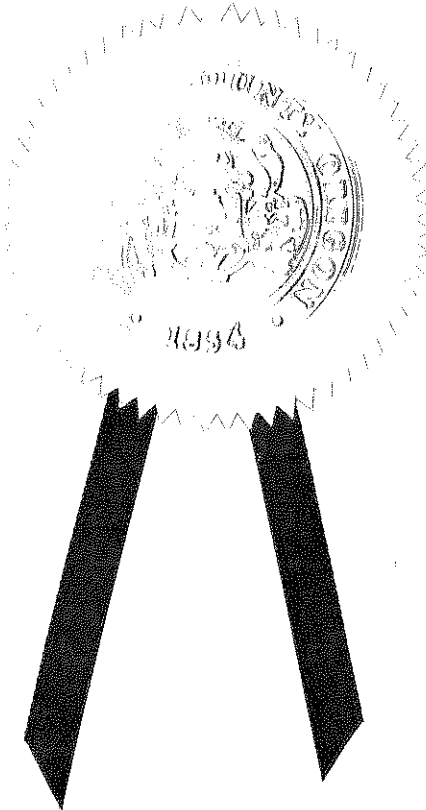
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