Resolution Declaring Multnomah County a Sanctuary County

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

a. Across the nation, recent political events have continued to spur and build a climate of hatred, bigotry, and discrimination toward many in our communities.

b. Multnomah County is home to individuals who represent a myriad of races, ethnicities, and nationalities, including immigrants and refugees from all over the world.

c. Many community members and groups have expressed fears regarding their ability to access Multnomah County government services such as health clinics, libraries, homeless shelters, domestic violence services, SUN programming, etc.

d. The deterioration of trust in one aspect of government jeopardizes trust in other aspects of government, including the provision of other County services.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Multnomah Board of County Commissioners recognizes the public’s deep concern regarding whether community members will be able to continue accessing government resources and services.

2. The Board of County Commissioners supports and endorses the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office’s continued compliance with ORS 181A.820 and applicable federal law in regards to federal immigration detainers.

3. The Board of County Commissioners seeks to reaffirm and declare its commitment to equity and respect for all community members by ensuring and affirming they are able to continue accessing County resources and services regardless of their immigration status.

ADOPTED this ___ day of ______, 20__.

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