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AGENDA DATE: March 16, 2005

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh

AGENDA TITLE: In the Matter of Proclaiming the Month of March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Lane County



I. MOTION

TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH AS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH IN LANE COUNTY

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Organizations throughout Oregon and the United States recognize the month of March 2005 as Developmental Disabilities Month, an opportunity to raise public awareness about developmental disabilities and foster a better understanding of the benefits to our community when people with developmental disabilities live full and productive lives as part of our community.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background / Analysis

Mental retardation and other developmental disabilities affect more than 7 million Americans and their families. In Lane County four thousand people with developmental disabilities live, work and recreate in our communities. The Lane County office of Developmental Disabilities Services is working together with a group of local agencies to raise public awareness about developmental disabilities and to increase local efforts toward enabling people with developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

Events planned include a diversity fair at the Gateway Mall on March 12, 2005 and a series of presentations about developmental disabilities in local elementary schools. In addition, local employers will be recognized for their efforts in employing people with developmental disabilities and an exhibit will be on display all month at the Gateway mall showcasing local agencies.

B. Alternatives / Options

1. To recognize and support National Developmental Disabilities Month in Lane County.
2. Not to recognize and support National Developmental Disabilities Month in Lane County.

C. Recommendation

To approve number one above.

D. Timing / Implementation

Upon Board action, March 2005 will be declared National Developmental Disabilities Month in Lane County.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION:) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH
) AS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS
) MONTH IN LANE COUNTY

WHEREAS, mental retardation and other developmental disabilities affect more than seven million Americans and their families; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of the issues affecting people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities can be vital and vibrant members of our communities, improving the quality of life for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated National Developmental Disabilities Awareness month, with advocacy groups and organizations nationwide undertaking public awareness, and educational activities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lane County Board of Commissioners proclaim the month of March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness month in Lane County and encourage residents to give full support to efforts that enable people with developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

DATED this _____ day of March 2005.

Anna Morrison, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 2/28/05 lane county
J. Heidlaw
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

March 16, 2005 Agenda Item – Requesting Time Certain (10:00 a.m.) and Harris Hall as the location

Zoe and Teresa,

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