

W. L. A.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER)
) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL
) **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Every 57 minutes a child in Oregon is abused or neglected; in Lane County 11 children per 1,000 are victims of abuse or neglect and 54% are under the age of 6;

WHEREAS, Risk factors for child abuse are greater in families that experience food insecurity, hunger, unemployment, parental alcohol abuse or drug use or are isolated from other families in their community; and,

WHEREAS, Children of all ages deserve to live and thrive and be free from the damaging effects of child abuse; Prevention and effective enforcement play an important role in raising awareness about the essential ways to eradicate child abuse; and,

WHEREAS, Prevention practices & strategies strengthen families and protect children from needless suffering and repeated cycles of abuse & neglect as adults; It is recognized that connecting new parents with community-based services helps break down the social isolation that can contribute to abuse or neglect; and,

WHEREAS, A responsive government engages community partners in a coordinated comprehensive system that includes prevention, early intervention, and treatment services; Lane County has strong collaborative partnerships involved in providing services to support parents & families prenatally through the teen years; and

WHEREAS, We hold sacred our most valuable resource, our children, let us remain committed to the pledge of always doing our best to ensure that all Lane County children are free to fully explore their dreams for the future.

NOW, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, APRIL 2008 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

APPROVED this ____ day of April, 2008.

Faye Stewart, Chair
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 3/25/08 Lane County
Teresa J. [Signature]
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL