

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION 08-1-23-9 ) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING  
) JANUARY 30, 2008 THROUGH APRIL 4,  
) 2008 A SEASON OF NONVIOLENCE

WHEREAS, Lane County, the State of Oregon, and our entire nation continues to confront the challenge of violence in the form of hate crimes, brutality, domestic abuse and other forms of inhumanity; and

WHEREAS, an awareness of nonviolent principles and practices is a powerful way to heal and transform our lives and communities, to recognize the dignity and worth of every human being, and to promote peace and harmony among all people regardless of race, color, culture, class, language, faith, age, gender, sexual preference or other apparent difference; and

WHEREAS, the principles and practices of nonviolence were epitomized in the lives and work of two international leaders, Mahatma Mohandas K. Gandhi and Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

WHEREAS, January 30, 2008 marks the 60th anniversary of the assassination in India of Mahatma Mohandas K. Gandhi, and April 4th, 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the assassination in America of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

WHEREAS, A Season for Nonviolence will kick-off and culminate with observances in hundreds of cities and other locales around the globe; and

WHEREAS, during the period between January 30, 2008 and April 4, 2008, groups throughout the United States and the world will sponsor projects and programs to create greater awareness and consciousness of the principles and practices of nonviolence, including symposia on interfaith and inter-racial healing; days of dialogue, prayer, and meditation; artistic and cultural events; essay contests; and special activities for children; and

WHEREAS, we in Lane County have a great opportunity to focus the hearts and minds of our citizens on nonviolence in recognition and celebration of A Season for Nonviolence;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board Chair and the members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners do hereby declare the period from January 30, 2008 through April 4, 2008 A Season for Nonviolence in Lane County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lane County supports programs and projects conducted in the spirit of nonviolence during this season and honors the organizers of these activities on their commitment to world peace and global harmony; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the National Co-Directors of A Season for Nonviolence.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2008.

  
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Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners