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TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: County Administration

PRESENTED BY: Alicia Hays, Interim Director

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION: IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 10, 2003 AS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER WEEK

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I. PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Move approval of the Resolution in the matter of proclaiming the week of February 10, 2003 as Family Resource Center Week

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Family Resource Center week will recognize Family Resource Centers' role in supporting and strengthening families in Lane County.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

The Lane County Commission on Children and Families (CCF) along with the local area service providers have developed a community plan also referred to as the Lane County SB 555 Coordinated Plan. As part of this plan, CCF has worked to mobilize the community to develop a local support system for children and families, a key element of which is Family Resource Centers. Centers are located in both urban and rural areas of Lane County. CCF's strong support of Family Resource Centers is founded in its commitment to wellness and community involvement with Family Resource Centers as a primary prevention strategy. Services provided by the Family Resource Centers impact all four goals of the 555 Plan: Strong Nurturing Families; Healthy, Thriving Children; Healthy, Thriving Youth; and Caring Communities.

B. Analysis

Family Resource Centers have been developed in eight regions in Lane County. The Centers are: Bethel Village Family Center, A Primary Connection (Cottage Grove), Eugene Family Resource Center, Family Resource Connection (Veneta), Junction City Family Resource Network, McKenzie River Family Resource Network, Oakridge Family Center, Springfield/Marcola Family Resource Centers.

A Family Resource Center is a vision of community groups, residents, agencies, schools, churches, and others coming together to create a place where families, children, youth and other community members can come for activities, resources and information. Using the wellness model as a guide, Family Resource Centers bring the community together to collaborate and build on the strengths of the community.

Family Resource Centers represent a successful collaboration between the county, school districts, other community organizations and partners to achieve the following goals for family support:

- ❖ **Non-stigmatizing:** A family resource center can offer a variety of activities, support, information and services. People are not there to be "fixed" but to share ideas, have fun and support each other.
- ❖ **Family focus:** A community's Family Resource Center considers the entire family as an integral part of a child's life.
- ❖ **Accessible:** A Family Resource Center is located close to the people who go there and welcomes all people.
- ❖ **Support families:** A Family Resource Center is designed to support families early, rather than reacting to crises.

Family Resource Centers belong to their communities. The staff and volunteers build community collaborations, develop workshops, activities, support groups, and other strategies for children and families.

C. Alternatives/Options

1. Adopt the Resolution.
2. Revise and Adopt the Resolution
3. Reject the Resolution.

D. Recommendation

Option 1, Adopt the Resolution.

E. Timing

Upon approval of the motion, the Lane County Commission on Children and Families will work with the Family Resource Centers to publicize and support the events planned around the County celebrating Family Resource Week.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION: **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2003
AS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER WEEK**

WHEREAS, Lane County values its children, youth and families; and

WHEREAS, Family Resource Centers are recognized as a way to strengthen families at the community level; and

WHEREAS, Family Resource Centers offer family support, information and resources and a range of activities for children, youth and families developed collaboratively at the community level; and

WHEREAS, Family Resource Centers have been established in eight regions throughout Lane County under the leadership of the Lane County Commission on Children and Families;

RESOLVED, that the Lane county Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims the week of February 10, 2003 as FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER WEEK, and encourages Lane County Families to visit and support their local Family Resource Center

RESOLVED this _____ day of January 2003.

Peter Sorenson, Chair
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS