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AGENDA COVER MEMO

AGENDA DATE: March 31, 2004

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh

AGENDA TITLE: In the Matter of Proclaiming the Week of April 5-11, 2004 as National Public Health Week



I. MOTION

TO PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF APRIL 5-11, 2004 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Organizations throughout Oregon and the United States recognize the week of April 5-11, 2004 as National Public Health Week and as an opportunity to promote health and acknowledge the benefits of public health.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background / Analysis

Lane County Public Health, as part of the statewide system of public health organizations, is committed to promoting activities that protect citizens from communicable diseases, environmental and workplace hazards, chronic disease, unintentional injuries, and violence. National Public Health Week is an opportunity to promote health and acknowledge the benefits of public health to our residents. Public Health programs emphasize prevention, a more cost effective approach to health than restoration or cure. The national 2004 theme is "Eliminating Health Disparities: Communities Moving from Statistics to Solutions."

B. Alternatives / Options

1. To recognize and support National Public Health Week.
2. Not to recognize and support National Public Health Week.

C. Recommendation

To approve number one above.

D. Timing

Upon Board action, the signed order and Board support will be part of local National Public Health Week activities.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation will be accomplished as described in Timing above.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION:) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 5-11,
) 2004 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, promoting, protecting, and preserving the health and quality of life for people in Lane County is a major goal of our county; and

WHEREAS, public health programs and services benefit everyone and are essential to a strong, successful health care system; and

WHEREAS, public health activities protect Lane County residents from communicable diseases, environmental and workplace hazards, chronic diseases, unintentional injuries, and violence; and

WHEREAS, prevention strategies improve infant mortality rates and childhood immunization rates, promote child and adolescent health, prevent teen pregnancies, and reduce child abuse; and

WHEREAS, educating and encouraging people to adopt healthy behaviors improves their well-being and prevents chronic illness and premature death; and

WHEREAS, Lane County's public health system of state/local and public/private partnerships is crucial to achieving the vision of healthy people living in healthy communities throughout our county.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners recognize and support April 5-11, 2004 as National Public Health Week, and encourage all residents to celebrate with activities that promote health and acknowledge the benefits of public health to our residents.

DATED this _____ day of March 2004.

Bobby Green Sr., Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date: 3/22/04 lane county
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