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Memorandum Date: August 18, 2004
Order Date: September 1, 2004

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Children and Families

PRESENTED BY: Alicia Hays, Department Director

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER AND RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF
PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2004 AS
PARENTING EDUCATION WEEK

I. PROPOSED MOTION

MOVE APPROVAL OF THE ORDER AND RESOLUTION IN THE
MATTER OF PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2004 AS PARENTING
EDUCATION WEEK

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

September 12, 2004 Birth To Three will be celebrating 25 years of healthy families with a birthday celebration and alumni reunion at Alton Baker Park. It will be an opportunity for the community and past participants in Birth To Three programs to celebrate their accomplishments, to recognize where Birth To Three stands in the present and to look forward to a thriving future serving many more Lane County parents and families.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background/Analysis

For 25 years Birth To Three has offered parenting education and support services to parents in Lane County. Over 76,000 parents and children have been served in the last 25 years. Parents are their children's first and most important teachers and role models. The relationship created between parents and infants during the earliest years of life has a profound impact on later growth and development, self-esteem, school performance and life achievements.

Since 1978 Birth To Three has brought parents together to share their parenting experiences, increase their knowledge of early childhood development, learn about community resources and create support

networks among themselves. Many Birth To Three groups continue to meet on their own for years. Some groups have continued to meet since 1978.

Birth To Three has parenting groups for families with Incredible INFANTS, Wonderful ONEs, Terrific TWOs; for families experiencing high levels of stress (Make Parenting A Pleasure); groups for Spanish-speaking families ("Crece...to grow up."); Teen Parents; and a home visiting program—Healthy Start—through a contract with Lane Co. Birth To Three's programs and services are for all families in our community who have infants and young children.

B. Alternatives/Options

1. To declare September 12-18, 2004 Parenting Education Week.
2. Not to declare September 12, 2004 Parenting Education Week.

C. Recommendation

Option 1, adopt the order to declare September 12-18, 2004 Parenting Education Week.

D. Timing

Upon Board approval, September 12-18, 2004 will be declared Parenting Education Week.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation will be completed as stated above in "Timing."

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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WHEREAS, parents come from every kind of neighborhood, ethnic, cultural, and spiritual background; and

WHEREAS, infants and children do not come with instructions; and

WHEREAS, 76,000 individuals have been served by Birth To Three's parenting education and support services in the past 25 years; and

WHEREAS, each of us plays a critical part in supporting skilled, nurturing parenting and strong families; and

WHEREAS, by continuing to increase awareness about the effectiveness and value of parenting education for the current and future well-being of families; and by all taking a part, we can help families of Lane County to thrive; now therefore it is hereby

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Lane County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim September 12-18, 2004 as **Parenting Education Week**, and urges all Lane County citizens to work together by encouraging responsive supports for all parents and families.

APPROVED this 1st Day of September, 2004.

Bobby Green, Chair
BOARD OF LANE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 8/24/04 Lane County

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