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ABBREVIATED CONSENT CALENDAR FORMAT



MEMORANDUM DATE: March 6, 2007
ORDER DATE: March 21, 2007

TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Health and Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER _____ / IN THE MATTER OF
RECOGNIZING APRIL 2-8, 2007 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC
HEALTH WEEK.

I. MOTION

In The Matter Of Recognizing April 2 - 8, 2007 As National Public Health Week.

II. DISCUSSION

A. Background/Analysis

This agenda item meets the abbreviated consent calendar criteria based on the "ongoing" nature of the approval of annual commemorative weeks.

The Board acknowledged the 2006 Public Health (PH) Week via BO 06-3-22-1.

Organizations throughout Oregon and the United States recognize the week of April 3-9, 2007 as National Public Health Week; providing public entities with an opportunity to promote health awareness and to acknowledge the benefits of public health programs.

This year, health community professionals throughout the U.S. are enjoined to "Take the First Step" and work to promote this year's theme of: "Preparedness and Public Health Threats: Addressing the Unique Needs of the Nation's Vulnerable Populations." This theme was proposed in response to the perceived need to educate Americans on the benefit of preparedness in response to emergencies, whether natural or man-made; be it the result of earthquake/tsunami, pandemic communicable disease outbreaks or bioterrorism.

ORS 431.530 clearly establishes the important role the local health authority may

play in emergency situations.

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. Public Health's stated Mission is: "to preserve, protect and promote the health of all people in Lane County".

National Public Health Week provides Lane County with an opportunity to promote health and acknowledge the benefits of public health programs to our residents. Public Health programs emphasize prevention and education, which represent more cost effective approaches to health than restoration or cure.

B. Recommendation

To recognize and support National Public Health Week in Lane County.

III. ATTACHMENT

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION) IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING APRIL 2 – 8, 2007
AND ORDER:) AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK.

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

WHEREAS, public health programs and services benefit everyone, regardless of age, ethnicity, background, gender or income; and

WHEREAS, the County's Public Health Division has a stated mission to "preserve, protect and promote the health of all people in Lane County"; and

WHEREAS, the County's Public Health Division protects residents from communicable diseases, environmental and workplace hazards, chronic diseases, unintentional injuries and violence; and

WHEREAS, County health programs also promote health and welfare strategies designed to reduce infant mortality rates, to improve childhood immunization rates, to promote child and adolescent health, to prevent teen pregnancies and to reduce child abuse; and

WHEREAS, a successful health care system requires the participation of an aware and involved citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the need to "take the first step" in enjoining every citizen to prepare to respond to emergencies, whether natural or man-made, be it the result of earthquake/tsunami, pandemic communicable disease outbreaks or bioterrorism, can best be taken by the County's Public Health Division.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners recognize and support April 2 – 8, 2007 as National Public Health Week, and encourage all residents to celebrate with activities that promote this year's theme of: "Preparedness and Public Health Threats: Addressing the Unique Needs of the Nation's Vulnerable Populations."

Dated this _____ day of March, 2007.

Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 3/12/07 Lane County
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Office of Legal Counsel