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AGENDA DATE: April 15, 2009

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Management

PRESENTED BY: Linda Cook

AGENDA TITLE: In the Matter of proclaiming Tuesday April 28, 2009 as Earthquake Preparedness Day for Lane County to coincide with Governor Kulongoski and Oregon Emergency Management's State-wide Earthquake and Tsunami Preparedness and Mitigation Campaign taking place during the month of April.

I. MOTION

TO PROCLAIM TUESDAY APRIL 28, 2009 AS EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS DAY FOR LANE COUNTY TO COINCIDE WITH GOVERNOR KULONGOSKI AND OREGON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S STATE-WIDE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION CAMPAIGN TAKING PLACE DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Lane County Emergency Management has a proposal for informing all employees, to the extent practicable, about what to do during an earthquake, specifically to "drop, cover, and hold". The employees would be informed by Lane County's CERT team members as they go "door-to-door" to each work space between 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. handing out information and answering employee questions. This will coincide with the activities of the Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake exercise happening throughout the state during the week of April 27, 2009. Additionally, Lane County Emergency Management would also like to encourage other businesses, schools and the general public to conduct drop, cover and hold drills that week.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

In December 2000, former Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber signed an Executive Order designating Oregon a "Showcase State for Natural Disaster Resistance and Resilience." This Executive Order supports an initiative of the insurance industry to reduce deaths, injuries, property damage, economic loss and human suffering caused by natural disasters.

The statewide campaign encourages Oregonians to:

- Conduct the earthquake drop, cover, and hold drill and, where appropriate, the tsunami evacuation drill. (State and local government agencies of any size and non governmental organizations with 250 or more full time employees are required by law

to conduct an earthquake drop, cover and hold drill [Oregon Administrative Rule 104-020-000-040])

- Collect emergency supplies
- Non-structurally retrofit homes and offices by securing objects such as bookcases, computers, and water heaters
- Structurally retrofit houses by bolting them to their foundations.
- Buy earthquake insurance

B. Alternatives / Options

1. To approve the motion to proclaim April 28, 2009 as Earthquake Drill Day for Lane County.
2. Not to accept the motion.

C. Recommendation

To approve number one above.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon approval by the Board the proclamation will be processed for signature, then County Emergency Management staff will begin work on the necessary steps to implement the drill.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER:) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING TUESDAY APRIL 28, 2009
) AS EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS DAY FOR LANE COUNTY
) TO COINCIDE WITH GOVERNOR KULONGOSKI AND OREGON
) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S STATE-WIDE EARTHQUAKE
) AND TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION CAMPAIGN
) TAKING PLACE DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL.
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WHEREAS, Oregon suffered considerable damage from two small earthquakes in 1993;
and

WHEREAS, scientific evidence indicates that the State of Oregon is at risk for much larger
and potentially damaging earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, a major earthquake associated with the Cascadia Subduction Zone is expected
to generate a destructive tsunami; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life and property can be greatly reduced if appropriate
preparedness measures are taken before damaging earthquakes and tsunamis occur; and

WHEREAS, Lane County Emergency Management will highlight these preparedness and
mitigation measures and provide earthquake and tsunami safety information to citizens and Lane
County Government employees; and

WHEREAS, April 28, 2009 has been designated as Earthquake Preparedness Day for Lane
County to coincide with Governor Kulongoski and Oregon Emergency Management's
Earthquake Preparedness campaign for the month of April;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Lane County Board of
Commissioners proclaim April 28, 2009 as Earthquake Preparedness Day for Lane County to
coincide with Governor Kulongoski and Oregon Emergency Management's Earthquake
Preparedness campaign for the month of April

DATED this _____ day of April 2009.

Peter Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board Of Commissioners

Approved ss to form:
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