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IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 09-

IN THE MATTER OF JOINTLY PROCLAIMING THE
MONTH OF APRIL SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS MONTH AND CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH WITH THE CITY OF EUGENE

WHEREAS, sexual assault and child abuse affects the people of Lane County every day whether as a victim-survivor or as a family member, friend, neighbor, employer, classmate or co-worker of a victim-survivor; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1 out of 6 adult women in Lane County has been the victim of forcible rape sometime in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that each year there are over 5500 reports of child abuse and neglect annually in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that agencies such as Sexual Assault Support Services provide support to more than 5,000 adult and adolescent survivors of sexual assault in Lane County each year; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that agencies such as Kids First provide support to more than 700 children survivors of abuse and neglect in Lane County each year; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that sexual violence and child abuse are preventable; and

WHEREAS, It is important to encourage healthy, non-violent interactions and diminish aspects of society that promote and support child abuse and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, it is important to broaden the scope and increase the effectiveness of sexual violence and child abuse prevention efforts through partnerships; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to survivors and work to prevent child abuse and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, every individual and community in Lane County has the ability to help eliminate sexual violence and child abuse by working together to promote social change.

NOW, THEREFORE: The Lane County Board of Commissioners, join with the City of Eugene to hereby proclaim **April 2009** to be **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** and **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Lane County and we urge all citizens to join in this observance.

DATED this _____ day of April, 2009.

Pete Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners