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ABBREVIATED CONSENT CALENDAR FORMAT

Memorandum Date: February 18, 2009
Order Date: March 4, 2009

AGENDA DATE: March 4, 2009

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH
AS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS
MONTH IN LANE COUNTY

I. MOTION

In the Matter of Proclaiming the Month of March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Lane County.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Organizations throughout Oregon and the United States recognize the month of March as Developmental Disabilities Month, an opportunity to raise public awareness about developmental disabilities and foster a better understanding of the benefits to our community when people with developmental disabilities live full and productive lives as part of our community.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background / Analysis

Mental retardation and other developmental disabilities affect more than 7 million Americans and their families. In Lane County four thousand people with developmental disabilities live, work and recreate in our communities. The Lane County Developmental Disabilities Services (LCDDS) is working together with a group of local agencies to raise public awareness about developmental disabilities and to increase local efforts toward enabling people with developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

Adult foster care is one crucial residential component in the developmental disabilities system. LCDDS wishes to acknowledge the importance this year

of these hard-working providers, who provide care in a family atmosphere to more than 275 adults in Lane County.

A photographic exhibit focusing on adult foster care providers and the individuals they serve will be displayed during the month of March, in the gallery outside Harris Hall in the Public Service Building.

B. Alternatives / Options

1. To recognize and support National Developmental Disabilities Month in Lane County.
2. Not to recognize and support National Developmental Disabilities Month in Lane County.

C. Recommendation

To approve number one above.

D. Timing / Implementation

Upon Board action, March 2009 will be declared National Developmental Disabilities Month in Lane County.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION:) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH
) AS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS
) MONTH IN LANE COUNTY

Whereas, nearly four million Americans live with a developmental disability – a physical or mental impairment that provides learning and mobility challenges, and the need for assistance with activities of daily living; and

Whereas, people who have developmental disabilities benefit from quality supports and services provided through a participatory system built upon the combined efforts of parents, family members; residential and vocational providers, public-and private sector employees whose commitment and compassion have helped enhance the service system; and

Whereas, everyone deserves a good home, and residential providers, especially foster providers, have facilitated the opportunity for Lane County individuals with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, Lane County strives to ensure that persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities are provided with individualized care through person-centered planning, connecting individuals with developmental disabilities with residential and vocational opportunities; and

Whereas, the advocacy and support of parents, family members, self-advocates, staff, volunteers, government officials, community members, providers, and others who work tirelessly on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, have helped shape Lane County's system of care into one that is highly regarded for its excellence and responsiveness to the needs of these individuals; and

Whereas, new opportunities have been created through the efforts of those individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members – along with professionals and officials at all levels of government – which have brought about significant changes in the public perception of youth and adults with developmental disabilities, opening new doors to more independent and productive lives; and

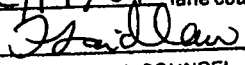
Whereas, the past few decades have seen advancements in the rights and dignity of people with developmental disabilities, which have increased their inclusion in community life and helped them set and achieve their goals in various areas of endeavor, and all Lane County citizens join to applaud their achievements and support this month long observance that encourages their continued progress as members of the Lane County community; and

WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated National Developmental Disabilities Awareness month, with advocacy groups and organizations nationwide undertaking public awareness, and educational activities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lane County Board of Commissioners proclaim the month of March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness month in Lane County and encourage residents to give full support to efforts that enable people with developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

DATED this 4th day of March 2009.

Peter Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 2/19/09 lane county

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