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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
LANE COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 11-4-6- | IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING APRIL TO BE
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, and health problems; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies; schools; faith communities; civic organizations; law enforcement agencies; and in the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lane County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2011 to be

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

and call upon all citizens to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

ADOPTED this ____ day of April, 2011.

Faye Stewart
Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners