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Memorandum Date: September 15, 2004
Order Date: September 29, 2004

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Children and Families

PRESENTED BY: Alicia Hays, Department Director

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER AND RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER 2004 AS HEAD START AWARENESS WEEK IN LANE COUNTY

I. PROPOSED MOTION

MOVE APPROVAL OF THE ORDER AND RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER 2004 AS HEAD START AWARENESS WEEK IN LANE COUNTY

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

In the State of Oregon, Head Start is now in its 38th year of successfully meeting the needs of low-income children and their families. Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon has proclaimed the first week of October as Head Start Awareness Week in Oregon and by doing so has called attention to the accomplishments of the Head Start Program and urges all citizens to increase their awareness of the services provided. We want to build on this statewide recognition by drawing specific attention to the incredible achievements of our local Head Start programs by requesting the Board proclaim a Head Start Awareness Week in Lane County.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background/Analysis

Since its inception in May 1965, the Head Start program has provided health, educational, and social services to more than 20 million children and their families in every US state and territory. In doing so, it has established itself as the foremost Early Childhood Development program in the United States. Head Start provides not only for the educational and exceptional needs of children, but also for their social, psychological,

health, and nutritional requirements.

Head Start has been encouraging Lane County families in their role as parents since 1968. Head Start collaborates with school districts, social service agencies and the medical community to support parents support their childrens healthy growth, development and education. Head Start is integrated into all parts of Lane County. Locally, it provides comprehensive services to over 800 low-income families annually.

In 1987, Oregon established the state-funded Head Start Pre-Kindergarten, modeled after the successful federal Head Start program.

B. Alternatives/Options

1. To declare the first week of October 2004 as HEAD START AWARENESS WEEK IN LANE COUNTY.
2. Not to declare the first week of October 2004 as HEAD START WARENESS WEEK IN LANE COUNTY.

C. Recommendation

Option 1: adopt the order to declare the first week of October 2004 as HEAD START AWARENESS WEEK IN LANE COUNTY.

D. Timing

Upon Board approval the first week of October 2004 will be declared Head Start Awareness Week in Lane County

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation will be completed as stated above in "Timing."

V. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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WHEREAS, in the State of Oregon Head Start is now in its 38th year of successfully meeting the needs of low-income children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Head Start is the foremost Early Childhood Development program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, locally Head Start provides comprehensive services to over 800 low-income families annually; and

WHEREAS, Head Start provides not only for the educational and exceptional needs of the children, but also for their social, psychological, health, and nutritional requirements; and

WHEREAS, Head Start focuses on the needs of children and it also involves parents in decision-making through its Policy Councils; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the accomplishments of Head Start program and urging all citizens to increase their awareness of the services provided, we can help the children and families of Lane County to thrive; now therefore it is hereby

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Lane County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim the first week of October 2004 as **Head Start Awareness Week in Lane County**, and urges all Lane County citizens to work together by encouraging responsive supports for all parents and families.

APPROVED this 29th Day of September 2004.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 9/14/04 and attested
J. Laidlaw
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Bobby Green, Chair
BOARD OF LANE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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