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AGENDA DATE: February 20, 2008
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: ORDER/_____ IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING
MARCH 2008 AS "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS
MONTH" IN LANE COUNTY

I. MOTION

Order/_____ In the Matter of Proclaiming March 2008 as
"Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in Lane County.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities Services staff propose Lane County to proclaim March 2008 as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" to build community awareness by the recognition of the tremendous value and potential of children and adults with developmental disabilities.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background / Analysis

March, 2008 has been declared "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month". Lane County Developmental Disabilities Services joins this recognition and asks the Commissioners to proclaim March, 2008 as Lane County Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and to specifically designate March 5, 2008 as a day to recognize our community's children and adults with developmental disabilities and the tremendous value and potential they have to offer. Lane County Developmental Disabilities Services Program serves approximately 1,600 individuals with developmental disabilities by providing case management services, residential services including in-home care, foster care, and group home care, as well as vocational opportunities to encourage independence and productivity among this population while promoting the empowerment and inclusion of these individuals within our community.

B. Alternatives / Options

1. To proclaim March, 2008 as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month." and to designate March 5, 2008 as a day to recognize our community's children and adults with developmental disabilities.
2. Not to proclaim March, 2008 as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" and not to designate March 5, 2008 as a day to recognize our community's children and adults with developmental disabilities.

C. Recommendation

To approve number one above

D. Timing

Upon Board approval, the signed order will proclaim March 2008 to be recognized as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" and designate March 5, 2008 as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day" in Lane County.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER:) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING MARCH 2008 AS
) "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH" IN
) LANE COUNTY

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities, such as autism, Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and others constitute one of America's largest groups of citizens who have disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the most effective methods for improving the lives of these individuals are public awareness, understanding and inclusion in the community; and

WHEREAS, Lane County is committed to empowering and supporting persons with developmental disabilities to achieve self-determined and person-centered lifestyles through community-based activities and relationships; and

WHEREAS, Lane County recognizes those citizens and organizations that provide supports that enable individuals with developmental disabilities to actively participate in their community;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners urge all citizens, in recognition of the tremendous value and potential of children and adults with developmental disabilities, to dedicate ourselves to the empowerment and full inclusion of these individuals in all aspects of community life, all year long, by proclaiming March 2008 to be "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in Lane County;

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that March 5, 2008 be designated as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day to recognize Lane County's children and adults with developmental disabilities and the tremendous value and potential they have to offer.

DATED this _____ day of February, 2008.

Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 2/8/08 Heidlaw Lane County

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