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IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION 08-2-20-__) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING
) FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 3, 2008
) PEACE CORPS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass-roots level in the developing world;

WHEREAS, more than 190,000 American have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 139 countries since 1961; and

WHEREAS, over the past 47 years, 5,282 men and women from the state of Oregon have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, and the environment, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and

WHEREAS, it is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps and honor its Volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners of Lane County that the week of February 25 through March 3, 2008 be recognized as Peace Corps Week.

DATED this 20th day of February 2008.

Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners