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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-21-__

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING
NOVEMBER, 2009 AS GRRRLZ ROCK!
MONTH IN LANE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the plural form of the gender-identified term "GIRL" can be reshaped, reclaimed, energized and empowered by a strong pronunciation in support of feminists everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the meaning of the word "ROCK" far surpasses commonplace association with geological material from the earth's core, while the expression "YOU ROCK!" is considered a compliment of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, GRRRLZ ROCK! deserves righteous recognition as an outstanding annual local celebration of women in the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, GRRRLZ ROCK! showcases positive and exemplary women role models passionately performing and inspiring local girls and young women to follow in their rocking footsteps; and

WHEREAS, GRRRLZ ROCK! was first established in 2006 and continues to thrive in 2009 due, in large part, to the dedication of Lane County businesswoman Cindy Ingram; and

WHEREAS, GRRRLZ ROCK! honors the legacy of the original Riot Grrrl Movement and its commitment to challenging sexism while promoting gender equality and respect through music and other creative arts; and

WHEREAS, GRRRLZ ROCK! showcases the unique artistic talents and many diverse musical styles found in our community while also embracing the investment that local women make in other artful expression as vehicles for transcending cultural inequalities and stereotypes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim November, as "GRRRLZ ROCK! Month" in Lane County, and by so doing, encourages all citizens to celebrate the excitement, the empowerment, and the sensational entertainment that the GRRRLZ ROCK! month-long festival provides to our community.

DATED this _____ day of October 2009.

Pete Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners