

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION: ) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH  
                  ) AS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS  
                  ) MONTH IN LANE COUNTY  
11-2-23-11

Whereas, developmental disabilities affect nearly seven million people across America and there are 4,000 people with intellectual or developmental disabilities who live, work and contribute to our communities in Lane County; and,

Whereas, every person, regardless of ability, has valuable strengths, infinite capacity to learn and the potential to make important contributions to their local and state communities; and,

Whereas, people with developmental disabilities in Oregon share with the state's other residents the right to live life as they choose in their educational experience, employment, recreation and homes; and,

Whereas, the past few decades have seen advancements in securing the rights and dignity of people with developmental disabilities which has increased their inclusion in community life and helped them set and achieve their goals in various areas of endeavor; and

Whereas, celebrating the abilities and contributions of people with developmental disabilities serves to enhance the diversity and to enrich the communities in Lane County and all of Oregon; and,

WHEREAS, all Lane County citizens are invited to join in applauding their achievements and supporting this month long observance as it encourages their continued progress as members of the Lane County community; and,

WHEREAS, an exhibit featuring the work of artists who experience autism spectrum disorder (a developmental disability) is available during the month of March, in the gallery outside Harris Hall in the Public Service Building; and,

WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated National Developmental Disabilities Awareness month, with advocacy groups and organizations nationwide undertaking public awareness, and educational activities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lane County Board of Commissioners proclaim March, 2011 as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness month in Lane County and encourage residents to give full support to efforts that enable people with developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

Effective this 23rd day of February, 2011.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Faye Stewart, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners