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

**RESOLUTION:**     )   IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH  
09-3-4-2            )   AS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS  
                      )   MONTH IN LANE COUNTY

Whereas, nearly four million Americans live with a developmental disability – a physical or mental impairment that provides learning and mobility challenges, and the need for assistance with activities of daily living; and

Whereas, people who have developmental disabilities benefit from quality supports and services provided through a participatory system built upon the combined efforts of parents, family members; residential and vocational providers, public-and private sector employees whose commitment and compassion have helped enhance the service system; and

Whereas, everyone deserves a good home, and residential providers, especially foster providers, have facilitated the opportunity for Lane County individuals with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, Lane County strives to ensure that persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities are provided with individualized care through person-centered planning, connecting individuals with developmental disabilities with residential and vocational opportunities; and

Whereas, the advocacy and support of parents, family members, self-advocates, staff, volunteers, government officials, community members, providers, and others who work tirelessly on behalf of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, have helped shape Lane County's system of care into one that is highly regarded for its excellence and responsiveness to the needs of these individuals; and

Whereas, new opportunities have been created through the efforts of those individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members – along with professionals and officials at all levels of government – which have brought about significant changes in the public perception of youth and adults with developmental disabilities, opening new doors to more independent and productive lives; and

Whereas, the past few decades have seen advancements in the rights and dignity of people with developmental disabilities, which have increased their inclusion in community life and helped them set and achieve their goals in various areas of endeavor, and all Lane County citizens join to applaud their achievements and support this month long observance that encourages their continued progress as members of the Lane County community; 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 the month of March 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.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009.

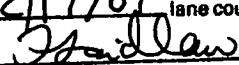


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Peter Sorenson, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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