

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER: 00-4-12-1 ) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE ) WEEK OF APRIL 10-15, 2000 AS ) NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS ) WEEK

Whereas, Year 2000 marks the 20th anniversary of the commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and the 15th anniversary of Crime Victim and Survivor Services in Lane County, and

Whereas, The victims' rights discipline in America has, for nearly three decades dared to dream of a nation that is free from violence and an America where crime victims are consistently provided supportive services to help them cope with the trauma of crime and victimization, and

Whereas, While the rate of most crimes continues to decrease, U.S. residents still experience nearly 31 million criminal victimizations, including nearly 8.1 million violent crimes; and in Lane County, we serve over 250 new crime victims each month and provide over 2,000 hours per month of volunteer service to the community, and

Whereas, Over 30,000 federal and state laws have been passed that define and protect the rights of crime victims; 32 states have passed constitutional amendments that afford victims important participatory rights throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and a federal constitutional amendment is currently pending in the U.S. Congress, and

Whereas, Important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, allied professionals, and victim services around the country and here in Lane County to ensure that crime victims are treated with dignity and respect, and

Whereas, Our nation's commitment to victim assistance, crime prevention, and public safety has resulted in countless individuals and collaborative initiatives that truly do our community justice, and

Whereas, The new millennium affords us the opportunity to continue to dare to dream of a nation where liberty and justice for all includes each and every person who has been touched by crime; therefore it is hereby

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners recognize and support April 10-15, 2000 as National Crime Victim Rights' Week, and encourage Lane County citizens to dream of a society where no crime victim goes unserved, and every crime victim is afforded rights and services, and fair treatment by the justice system and by society.

DATED this 12th day of April, 2000.

[Signature] Peter Sorenson, Chair Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 3/31/00 Lane County [Signature] OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL