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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION:) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER
03-10-15-1) 13-19, 2003 AS PRENATAL CARE WEEK IN LANE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the mission of Lane County Health and Human Services is to promote and protect the health and well-being of individuals, families, and our communities; and

WHEREAS, early and comprehensive prenatal care is important for the health of both mother and infant; and

WHEREAS, regular prenatal care identifies potential risks and problems, therefore leading to effective preventative care; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon benchmark goal for early prenatal care is 90 percent and state and county early prenatal care rates have remained well below that goal; and

WHEREAS, 2003 data indicates that only 74.4 percent of Lane County's pregnant women have had first trimester prenatal care as compared to 81.3 percent for the state; and

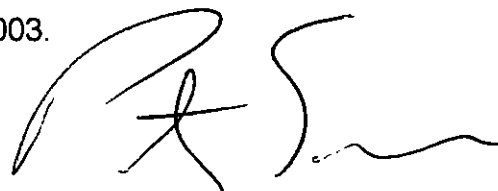
WHEREAS, pregnant women who do not receive early prenatal care often have difficulty accessing care; and

WHEREAS, improving access to care is the most effective means of increasing the percent of women who receive first trimester prenatal care; and

WHEREAS, Lane County supports early prenatal care, access to that care, and a better understanding of the health benefits of early prenatal care for pregnant women, infants, and the community at large.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lane County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim October 13-19, 2003 as Prenatal Care Week, and encourage residents to acknowledge the importance of early prenatal care to the health of our community.

DATED this 15th day of October 2003.



Peter Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 9/22/03 Lane County
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