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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER: ORDER AND RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF
PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2003 AS RUNAWAY
03-11-12-1 PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, runaway youth come from every kind of neighborhood, ethnic, cultural, and spiritual backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 approximately 3,100 youth in Lane County were identified last year as homeless, runaways, or at-risk of running away; and


WHEREAS, nationally, between 1.3 – 2.8 million runaway and homeless youth live on the streets of America, exposed to drugs, disease, and prostitution; and

WHEREAS, each of us plays a critical part in supporting families and youth to prevent risk of runaway behavior; and

WHEREAS, by continuing to increase awareness about the community need regarding runaway youth in Lane County and all taking a part, we can reduce the number of youth and families experiencing the factors that lead to runaway behavior; now therefore it is hereby

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Lane County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of November 2003 as **RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH**, and urges all Lane County citizens to work together to reduce the number of runaway and homeless youth through education and by encouraging supportive responses to families and youth facing the risk factors that may lead to runaway behaviors.

APPROVED this 12th day of November, 2003.



Peter Sorenson, Chair
BOARD OF LANE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS