

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming May 25, 2012, National Missing Children's Day in Multnomah County

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a.** According to the U.S. Department of Justice, each year an estimated 800,000 children are reported missing; 58,200 of these children are victims of non-family abductions and more than 200,000 are the victims of family abductions.
- b.** On average, an estimated 2,200 children are reported missing to law enforcement agencies daily.
- c.** The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them. NCMEC's recovery rate has grown from 62% in 1990 to 96% of domestically missing children, but too many children still remain among the missing.
- d.** In Oregon, as of April 25th, 2012, there are currently 464 missing children who have been reported to law enforcement but have not yet been located.
- e.** The National Sheriffs' Association, in partnership with the NCMEC and its collaborative organizations, recognizes May 25th of every year as National Missing Children's Day in a continuing effort to prevent the abduction and sexual exploitation of children.
- f.** The NCMEC created Take 25, a preventative child safety campaign, in honor of National Missing Children's Day. The National Sheriffs' Association supports the Take 25 Initiative which encourages all individuals nationwide to "Take 25" minutes to help children stay safer.
- g.** The National Sheriffs' Association urges the participation of local government, law enforcement, schools, community-based organizations, and families in the protection and education of all individuals about child abduction and sexual exploitation, appropriate protective measures, and ways to respond and seek help from law enforcement, social services, and the NCMEC.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

May 25, 2012, Missing Children's Day in Multnomah County, as a time to remember those children who are missing and give hope to their families.

ADOPTED this 24th day of May 2012

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