

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

In the Matter of Proclaiming	)	
October 5 - 9, 1992 as	)	P R O C L A M A T I O N
"CHILD HEALTH WEEK" in	)	92-176
Multnomah County, Oregon	)	

WHEREAS, the Congress of 1928 which first authorized Child Health Day felt that an annual observance would "awaken the people of the Nation to the fundamental necessity of a year-round program for the protection and development of the health of the Nation's Children"; and

WHEREAS, many health problems can be detected early if children have access to health care which can identify difficulties such as hearing, vision and fine and gross motor skill development. With early detection, these problems can be addressed more quickly which may minimize the impact on children as they grow older; and

WHEREAS, our children are at risk for accidents which is the leading cause of death after the age of one. Though use of car safety seats is above 50%, more than half of those seats are used incorrectly and therefore continue to place the child at risk. Accidents in the home including falls, drowning, poisoning and burns continue to contribute a substantial risk to our children's health and safety; and

WHEREAS, there is a tragic toll of unnecessary outbreaks of preventable childhood diseases which must be reversed. Children can be vaccinated against measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, haemophilus influenza type B, and hepatitis B through a series of "shots" beginning as early as birth. We cannot wait until a child enters school to vaccinate against these diseases; infants and toddlers are at highest risk; and

WHEREAS, each of us that cares for children--families and health care givers alike--and all of us that care about children as our most precious resource must make this commitment: none of our Nation's children shall go without the necessary health care services, the health protection so easily obtained through age-appropriate immunizations or the education/information for parents so that children can be properly installed in a car safety seat or seat belt at all times and have a safer home environment. During Child Health Week 1992, and throughout the year, we must emphasize the importance of childhood immunizations, properly used car seats and adequate health care and to take the necessary steps to make such services available to all infants and children when they are appropriate; now therefore

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaims the week of October 5 through October 9, 1992 as "CHILD HEALTH WEEK, for Kids' Sake" and encourages the community to observe the week by participating in the appropriate programs and activities, increase the correct use of child safety seats, obtain information on how to childproof their homes, attend the Health Fair on October 7th in the afternoon at Southeast Health Center, and bring the children into any of the County clinics to get the necessary immunizations to prevent disease.

ADOPTED THIS 1st day of October, 1992.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON



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