

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of a Resolution Proclaiming )  
November as National Runaway Prevention ) RESOLUTION 21-11-09-1  
Month in Yamhill County )

WHEREAS, the future well-being of our nation is dependent upon the value we place on young people. We must provide opportunities for youth to acquire the knowledge, skills, and abilities to develop into healthy productive adults by enlisting families and other adults to serve as mentors and role models, guiding them towards wise choices and available resources and;

WHEREAS, young people with the least access to these resources and support are those in runaway and homeless situations. In our country an estimated 4.2 million youth and young adults experience homelessness each year. Across Yamhill County, over 621 runaway and homeless youth have been identified each year and;

WHEREAS, by working together to bring awareness, resources, and communication we can prevent the situations that compel youth to run away and;

WHEREAS, the first step in prevention is gaining an understanding of the facts and then, empowering families and communities to aid our nation's youth in protecting themselves and assuring them of the resources and support necessary for their success. Finally, we must challenge adults to act as mentors and role models guiding them toward available resources, and wise choices and;

WHEREAS, we support the efforts of the community-based, faith-based, and public organizations in Yamhill County who are working diligently to increase public awareness, advocate on behalf of, and provide positive and safe alternatives to run away and homeless youth and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim November as

**NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH**

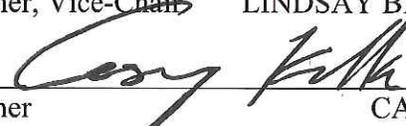
in Yamhill County, Oregon, and in doing so, encourages all citizens of Yamhill County to join in supporting young people who have run away, or who are at high risk of doing so, by personal relationships, teaching skills that promote positive life choices, provide a safety net of trusted individuals and resources, and being available as they transition to adulthood.

Done this 9th day of November 2021.

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Board of Commissioners on  
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