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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 May 29, 2012, as) RESOLUTION 12-5-17-1
Stop, Drop and Read Day in)
Yamhill County.)

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF YAMHILL COUNTY ("the Board") sat for the transaction of county business in formal/informal session on May 17, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 32 of the Courthouse, Commissioners Leslie Lewis, Kathy George, and Mary P. Stern being present.

WHEREAS, the Yamhill County Commission on Children and Families *Reading For All* program speaks for the need to increase community member participation in literacy activities and to increase awareness of the importance of strong literacy skills to a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, 6 out of 10 babies and 5 out of 10 toddlers are not read to regularly, and in the 2010-11 school year, 33% of third-graders were not meeting academic standards for reading in Yamhill County; and

WHEREAS, studies reported by Snow, Burns, and Griffin (1998) confirm that students who fail to become skilled readers by the end of third grade have little chance of graduating from high school; and

WHEREAS, 23.8% of Yamhill County's population with less than a high school degree live in poverty, and in 2008 the illiteracy rate among adults in Yamhill County was 10.8%; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Institute for Literacy, 32% of employers cited poor reading/writing skills as serious skill deficiencies in today's workforce; and

WHEREAS, Yamhill County community members are encouraged to join together with businesses, community organizations, and schools for a literacy awareness event on May 29, 2012, with fire engines around the communities to sound at 1:30 p.m., signaling the beginning of a 15-minute reading event; and

WHEREAS, this effort will raise awareness in Yamhill County about the importance of literacy by everyone reading together at the same time on the same day and showing that Yamhill County has embraced the love of reading;

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NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Board, on behalf of the citizens of Yamhill County, proclaims May 29, 2012, as Stop, Drop and Read Day in Yamhill County.

DONE this 17th day of May 2012.

ATTEST

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REBEKAH STERN DOLAN
County Clerk



Leslie Lewis
Chair

LESLIE LEWIS

By Anne Brett
Deputy ANNE BRETT

Kathy George
Commissioner

KATHY GEORGE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Mary P. Stern
Commissioner

MARY P. STERN

RICK SANAI
Yamhill County Counsel