

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 17-10-26-1
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 toward 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 between 1.6 and 2.8 million youth run away in a one year period. Across Yamhill County, over 120 runaway and homeless youth have been identified during the past 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 runaway and homeless youth and their families.

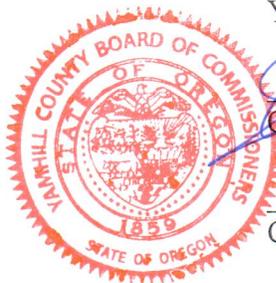
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim November, as

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 26th day of October, 2017.

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Accepted by Yamhill County Board of Commissioners on

10-26-17 by Board Order

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