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**“LOOK ME IN THE EYE” PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, all citizens want and deserve the opportunity to safely and meaningfully participate in all aspects of our community, including recreation, education, work, social and civic activities; and

**WHEREAS**, our communities can grow closer through education, awareness, understanding and *seeing* one another, and benefit from recognizing each other's abilities, commonalities and differences; and

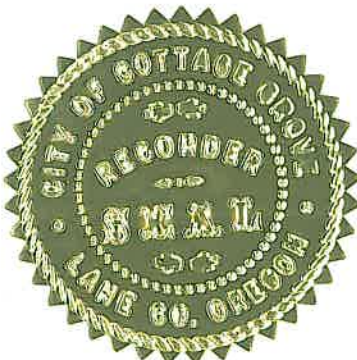
**WHEREAS**, our communities gain value as they are more aware of the capabilities of, and provide opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to be part of their communities; and

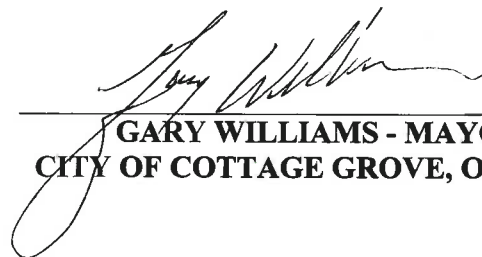
**WHEREAS**, it is in the public's interest to offer individuals with developmental disabilities an opportunity to live and work in our communities where they can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with developmental disabilities and other citizens are unnoticed, ignored and excluded;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gary Williams, Mayor of the City of Cottage Grove do hereby proclaim August 15-21, 2010 “Look Me in the Eye” week and encourage all citizens of our communities to participate in *seeing* one another.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cottage Grove to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.



  
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**GARY WILLIAMS - MAYOR**  
**CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON**