

# PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor, City of Florence



## Look Me in the Eye Week

August 15 – 21, 2010

**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

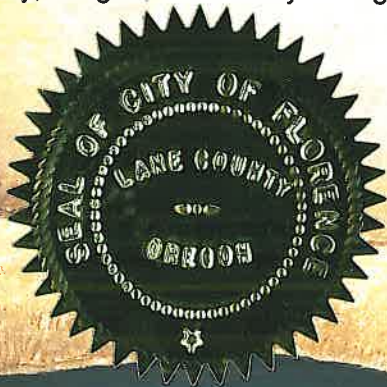
**WHEREAS**, Our communities gain value as they are more aware of the capabilities of, and provide opportunities for, individuals with developmental disabilities to be part of their communities; and,

**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, Phil Brubaker, do hereby proclaim August 15 - 21, 2010, to be "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 to be affixed the official seal of Florence, Lane County, Oregon, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2010.



Phil Brubaker, Mayor