

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**PROCLAMATION**

**National Center for Missing and Exploited Children  
National Missing Children's Day**

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, there are an estimated 800,000 children missing; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an estimated daily average of 2,200 children reported missing to law-enforcement agencies;  
and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 58,200 of these children are victims of non-family abductions and more than 200,000 are the victims of family abductions; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; to help find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them; and

**WHEREAS**, this special day is a time to remember those children who are missing and give hope to their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, in partnership with National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and its collaborative organizations, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners proclaims May 25, 2012 as **National Missing Children's Day** in Lewis County.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Lewis County urges the participation of local governments, law enforcement and communities in the protection and education about child abduction and sexual exploitation, and in ways to respond and seek help from law enforcement, social services, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

**DONE IN OPEN SESSION** this 25th day of May, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Absent  
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F. Lee Grose, Chairman

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P. W. Schulte, Member

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Ronald Averill, Member

ATTEST:

Candace Hall  
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Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board

