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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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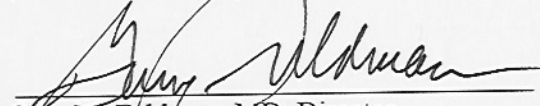
SUBMITTAL DATE: February 21, 2003

SUBJECT: Social Worker Recognition Month

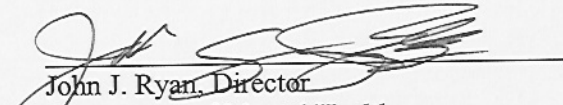
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors declare March 2003 Social Worker Recognition Month in the County of Riverside and approve the attached proclamation.

BACKGROUND: In Riverside County, there are many social workers employed in public, private and non-profit agencies. These social workers assist children, disabled and elderly adults and their families by providing a wide range of services that promote the safety and well being of individuals and their communities.

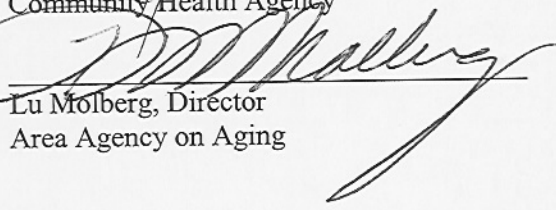
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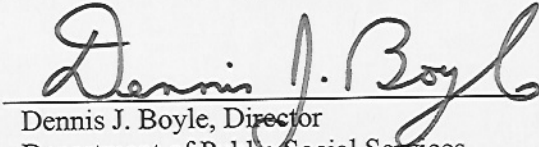
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Dennis J. Boyle, Director
Department of Public Social Services

FINANCIAL DATA: N/A

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE



County Executive Officer Signature

Department Recommendation: Consent Policy
Per Executive Office: Consent Policy

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SUBJECT: Social Worker Recognition Month

BACKGROUND: Social workers help people overcome some of life's most difficult challenges such as: abuse, disability, physical and mental illness, addiction, loss, unemployment, educational problems, poverty and discrimination. The vital services provided by social workers include but are not limited to protective services, counseling, advocacy, case management, and crisis intervention.

In addition to public, private and non-profit agencies, social workers are found in hospitals, schools, mental health clinics, senior centers, elected office, private practices, prisons, corporations and the military. There are over 40 areas of specialization in social work practice. According to the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), social work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States. Currently, there are approximately 600,000 people who hold social work degrees; the profession is expected to increase by 30% in 2010.

There are many factors contributing to the need for more social workers. The aging population is rapidly increasing, resulting in a higher demand for medical and gerontology social workers. Rising school enrollments call for the expertise of additional school social workers. Also, the public's continued concerns about crime, substance abuse, homelessness, AIDS, domestic violence, and economic insecurity all encourage the demand for social workers.

By proclaiming March 2003 Social Worker Recognition Month in Riverside County, we emphasize the commitment of the Board of Supervisors to support the extraordinary efforts of Social Workers in their performance of service to communities in our county. This recognition is to take place during the same month that the State of California and the Federal Government also recognize the Social Work profession.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

CONCUR/EXECUTE:

From: Yolanda White
To: Uminski, Roger
Subject: BOS Agenda Item Request for March 11th-Social Worker Recognition Month

2-19-03

Hello Mr. Uminski,

I'm a new program specialist in DPSS and was referred by Lisa Lough. Attached is the Form 11 and Proclamation for the annual Social Worker Recognition Month in March. We are requesting that this matter be placed on the March 11th BOS agenda. I understand that Dennis Boyle and other designated agency directors usually attend this meeting along with a few social workers as representatives.

Since I'm new to this, I'm unclear as to whether there is a formal protocol when the proclamation is presented. How are the social worker representatives presented? Are they introduced individually? Is a brief bio on each worker included with the introduction? Or, due to time constraints, are the workers just asked to stand up at a certain point? Some of the agency directors have asked me about this, so I need to let them know. Thank you for your time. If I need to provide any additional information, please let me know. My phone number is 358-3148. Again, thank you for your assistance.



Board of Supervisors

SOCIAL WORKER RECOGNITION MONTH

MARCH 2003

- WHEREAS, Social Workers work to empower those who are frequently unheard;
- WHEREAS, Social Workers open the doors of access and opportunity for everyone, particularly those in greatest need;
- WHEREAS, Social Workers use their education, professional training, and commitment to improve all communities;
- WHEREAS, Social Workers are dedicated advocates for the rights of others;
- WHEREAS, Social Workers shape numerous programs and policies that strengthen individual lives and society;
- WHEREAS, Social Workers make an impact in every community, whether in direct practice, administration, education and research, or policy development;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, in recognition of professional Social Workers and their commitment and dedication to individuals, families and communities through legislative advocacy, service delivery, research and education, does hereby proclaim the month of March, 2003, as

SOCIAL WORKER RECOGNITION MONTH and call upon all members of the community to join in celebration and support of Social Workers and the Social Work Profession.

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