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SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: Community Health Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE: 4/3/2003

SUBJECT: STD (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) Awareness Month, April 2003

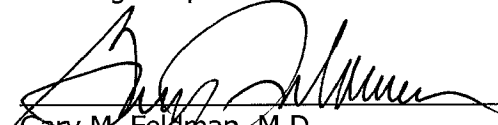
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors proclaim April, 2003, as STD Awareness Month and endorse the strategies delineated in the Centers of Disease Control's (CDC) plan for elimination of syphilis in the United States.

BACKGROUND: Since the early 1990's the number of primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis cases has been on the decline in the United States. The US rate dropped from 150 per 100,000 people in 1991 to 25 per 100,000 people in 1998. In 2002, Riverside County had the highest rate of P&S cases per capita, 59.5 per 100,000 people.

Syphilis increases the risk of HIV transmission by three to four times. Therefore, the resurgence of syphilis requires that public and private health care providers, individual citizens and government agencies have an increased awareness of the seriousness of this disease. The CDC's National Plan for Syphilis Elimination in the United States identified several key action steps that are essential to combat syphilis in the U.S. These include:

- 1) Enhancing health promotion.
- 2) Expanding clinical and laboratory services.
- 3) Strengthening community involvement and partnerships.

These action steps present effective strategies for addressing this public health threat in Riverside County.



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Director

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FINANCIAL DATA:

CURRENT YEAR COST: \$ 0
NET COUNTY COST: \$ 0

ANNUAL COST: \$ 0
IN CURRENT BUDGET: N/A
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: N/A FOR FY: 02/03

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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County Executive Officer Signature



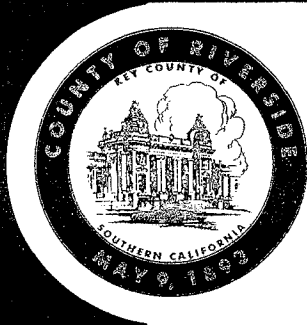
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Department Recommendation:
Per Executive Office:



Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE "STD (SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES) AWARENESS MONTH"

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, syphilis, a disease that increases the risk of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) by three to four times, is on the rise in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Riverside County had the highest rate of primary and secondary syphilis cases per capita in California; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure for HIV, the causative agent of AIDS; and

WHEREAS, a person infected with HIV may remain asymptomatic for many years and unknowingly can infect others with the virus; and

WHEREAS, approximately 47% of all known persons diagnosed as having AIDS in Riverside County have died; and

WHEREAS, the Center of Disease Control has created a National Plan for Syphilis Elimination; and

WHEREAS, this plan encourages the enhancing of health promotion and strengthening of government agencies' and private organizations' collaborations; and

WHEREAS, prevention is the key to curtailing these diseases of epidemic proportions.

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be known that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaims April 2003 as STD Awareness Month, endorses the action steps identified in the Center of Disease Control's National Plan for Syphilis Elimination and encourages all citizens to learn ways to prevent such debilitating diseases.

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