

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

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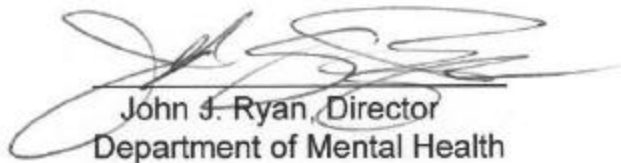


FROM: Director of Mental Health **SUBMITTAL DATE:** April 14, 2003

SUBJECT: Mental Health Department sponsored Proclamation; "May is Mental Health Month" (All Org.'s) All Districts.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 2003, as "Mental Health Month"

BACKGROUND: The Department of Mental Health requests that May 2003, be designated as "Mental Health Month" in Riverside County to focus attention on the pervasiveness of mental illness and to raise public awareness of mental health, mental illness, and the need for appropriate, accessible services for all people with mental illness.


John J. Ryan, Director
Department of Mental Health

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FINANCIAL DATA:

CURRENT YEAR COST:	\$0	ANNUAL COST:	\$0
NET COUNTY COST:	\$0	IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:	N/A
		BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:	NO FY 02/03

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Officer Signature



Department Recommendation: Policy Policy
Per Executive Office: Consent Consent

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Proclamation for May is Mental Health Month

WHEREAS, mental health is critical for our well-being and vitality as well as that of our families, communities and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the President's New Freedom Commission declared that mental disorders and mental health problems affect people of all backgrounds and all stages of life, and no one is immune; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization found that mental illnesses rank first in terms of causing disability in the United States and, collectively, are the most prevalent health problem in America today--more common than cancer, and lung and heart disease combined; and

WHEREAS, one in 10 children has a serious mental health disorder that, if untreated, can lead to school failure, physical illness, substance abuse and even suicide; and

WHEREAS, mental health disorders such as schizophrenia, depression and anxiety disorders are real, common, and treatable illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has found that a range of mental health treatments of documented efficacy exists for most mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, the (Name of City) has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care for all residents; and

WHEREAS the National Mental Health Association, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and their national partners observe Mental Health Month each May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and illness;

THEREFORE, I, (Name of Public Official), do hereby proclaim May 2003 Mental Health Month in (Name of City or Community). As the (Title of Local Official), I also call upon all (Name of city or community) citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness.