

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

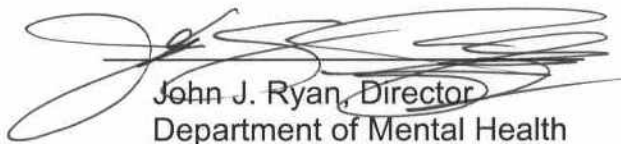


FROM: Director of Mental Health **SUBMITTAL DATE:** September 2, 2003

SUBJECT: Recovery Happens Month, All Districts

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors proclaim September 2003, as Substance Abuse Recovery Happens Month.

BACKGROUND: On August 28, 2001, Agenda 2.7, the Board of Supervisors officially proclaimed September as "Recovery Happens Month." The Department of Mental Health is requesting that September 2003, be proclaimed as "Recovery Happens Month." Now in its ninth year, "Recovery Happens" has been instrumental in enhancing the public's knowledge of the problem use of alcohol and other drugs in California; in promoting the success of California's diverse prevention/intervention/treatment and recovery programs and providers; and recognizing the extraordinary achievements of people in recovery. The theme for this year is "**Joining the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Health.**"


John J. Ryan, Director
Department of Mental Health

JJR: PLR

FINANCIAL DATA:	FY 03/04	ANNUAL COST:	N/A
CURRENT YEAR COST:	N/A	IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:	N/A
NET COUNTY COST:	N/A	BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:	NO

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Officer Signature 

Department Recommendation: Consent Policy
Per Executive Office: Consent Policy

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Alcoholism and Drug Dependency are chronic disorders with genetic, psychosocial and environmental factors influencing their development and manifestations; and

Whereas, Prevention efforts can be effective in reducing the psychosocial and environmental factors; and

Whereas, Alcoholism and Drug Addiction can and do affect people of all ages, all professions, all ethnic groups, both sexes, and all social classes; and

Whereas, Alcohol and Drugs are the third leading cause of death in the nation; and

Whereas, Untreated alcoholism and drug addiction cost the State's work places billions of dollars in lost productivity, absenteeism, and accidents every year; and

Whereas, Untreated addiction contributes to unwanted pregnancies, school dropouts, suicide, crime, juvenile delinquency, dysfunctional families, poverty, joblessness, homelessness, ill health, mental illness, HIV infection, Hepatitis and other deadly infectious diseases; and

Whereas, Successful completion of Treatment and Recovery Programs has been demonstrated to reduce unnecessary County health care costs, reduce costs of lost productivity and increase productivity by getting more workers into recovery, reduce the number of people in jails and prisons, reduce street and gang violence, reduce school dropout rates, reduce the cost of crime, the rate of recidivism, and the burden on law enforcement officials; and reduce the total financial drain on our economy, and improve the quality of life for individuals and for society as a whole; and

Whereas, Thousands of individuals are living sober, productive lives and paying taxes in this County as a result of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services in the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE MEMBERS of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the month of September 2003, as Alcohol and Drug Prevention, Treatment, and "Recovery Happens Month", to demonstrate our continued support and commitment to alcohol and drug prevention, treatment and recovery, and encourage individuals and communities from throughout the State to participate in its activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Seal of the County of Riverside to be affixed this 9th day of September 2003.

Members Board of Supervisors