

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

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FROM: Community Health Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
2/6/04

SUBJECT: World Tuberculosis (TB) Day, March 24, 2004

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Supervisors proclaim March 24, 2004 as World TB Day, and endorse the action steps delineated in the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report on eliminating tuberculosis (TB) in the United States.

BACKGROUND: : In 2002, California had the highest number of tuberculosis (TB) cases in the United States, accounting for 21 percent of all TB cases in the U.S. Locally, in Riverside County, 68 and 75 cases of TB were reported for the years 2002 and 2003, respectively.

The resurgence of TB with drug resistant strains requires that public and private health care providers, individual citizens and government agencies have an increase awareness of the seriousness of this disease. The IOM study on the elimination of TB in the United States identified several key action steps that are essential to combat TB in the U.S. These include: 1) Maintaining control of TB while adapting to a declining incidence of disease. 2) Speeding the decline of TB with increased efforts related to TB skin testing and treatment of latent TB infection. 3) Mobilizing support of elimination, and regularly measuring progress toward the goal. These action steps represent effective strategies for addressing this public health threat in Riverside County.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ -0-	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ -0-	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ -0-	For Fiscal Year:	03/04
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A				Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 <input type="checkbox"/>
				Requires 4/5 Vote <input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

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- Dept' Recomm.: Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Prev. Aan. Ref.: | **District:** | **Aaenda Number:**

World TB Day

WHEREAS, an estimated 3.4 million Californians (or 10 percent) are infected with tuberculosis (TB) bacteria, with each of these individuals having an average 5% risk of progressing to active TB during his or her life time. If realized, this would result in approximately 3, 000 new active TB cases in California for the next 60 years, each of whom can spread TB to others, and

WHEREAS, over 13 percent of TB cases are resistant to at least one commonly used TB drug, and these potentially lethal strains of the TB bacterium have been identified in Riverside County, and

WHEREAS, household members, healthcare workers, and other institutional workers who share the air with infectious TB patients are at risk of becoming infected, and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Health Services Tuberculosis Control Branch, the California Tuberculosis Controller's Association, and the American Lung Association developed a strategic plan for the control and elimination of TB in California, and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine has indicated that TB elimination in the United States is feasible, but stated that "to meet this goal, aggressive and decisive action beyond what is now in effect will be required", and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial risk of a new cycle of neglect as funding for TB control in California has continued to decline, risking the State's and local health jurisdictions' ability to effectively fight TB, especially in low-morbidity, rural counties in California, and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2004, individual citizens, government agencies and private organizations are joining together to encourage the continued application of proven TB control measures targeted toward those persons at highest risk;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that the **RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** hereby proclaims March 24, 2004, as **WORLD TB DAY**, and endorses the action steps identified in the Institute of Medicine report for the elimination of TB in the United States.