

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



FROM: DPSS-Community Action

SUBMITTAL DATE: 2/26/04

SUBJECT: Proclaiming the Third Week in March 2004 as Mediation Week

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board proclaim the third week in March 2004 as Mediation Week and set the date of Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. to present a proclamation to recognize the trained volunteer mediators serving the Dispute Resolution Center.

BACKGROUND: Governor Schwarzenegger has proclaimed the third week in March 2004 as Mediation Week. To raise public awareness of the benefits derived from mediation, the Department of Community Action (DCA), Riverside County, seeks to inform the public that mediation is a process of voluntary conflict resolution through communication between the parties with assistance to reach a mutually acceptable agreement. Mediation is a recognized and successful method of resolving disputes, both in and out of the judicial system. The Department of Community Action has more than 100 trained volunteer mediators, including attorneys, educators, mental health, human resource professionals, grassroots people and students.

Lois J. Carson
Lois J. Carson, Executive Director

FINANCIAL DATA:

CURRENT YEAR COST:
NET COUNTY COST: \$ 0

ANNUAL COST:
IN CURRENT BUDGET:
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: FOR FY: 03/04

SOURCE OF FUNDS: No County funds will be used.

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATIONS:

APPROVE

Don Martig

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SIGNATURE

Department Recommendation: Consent Policy
Per Executive Office: Consent Policy

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Board of Supervisors

TO PROCLAIM MEDIATION WEEK MARCH 14-20, 2004

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California will recognize March 14-20, 2004 as Mediation Week; and

WHEREAS, conflict is a common event in our society, and our citizens need and seek forums for the resolution of conflict, both in and out of our judicial system; and

WHEREAS, many of our citizens have turned to mediation in an effort to resolve conflict amicably, improve relations among our people and within families and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, relieve the burden of litigation which is overwhelming our judiciary, with resulting social, economic and personal benefits; and

WHEREAS, mediation is a private and voluntary process whereby a neutral third party assists people in dispute to resolve their conflict by helping them to communicate; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mediation Week, Community Action Partnership Riverside County, Dispute Resolution Center, seek to raise public awareness of the benefits derived from mediation, and to encourage educational programs; and

WHEREAS, dispute resolution services help to relieve the burden of litigation that overwhelms our judicial system and improves relations among people, within neighborhoods and families and between consumers and businesses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby affirm the week of March 14-20, 2004 as **MEDIATION WEEK** and urges citizens to settle their disputes through mediation.

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