

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

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FROM: Office on Aging

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 16, 2004

SUBJECT: Proclamation to Declare May 2004 as Older Americans Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors Proclaim May 2004 as Older American Month in the County of Riverside

BACKGROUND: The Board of Supervisors has annually supported Older American Month in May by issuing a proclamation that highlights the current trends and issues in aging both nationally and locally. Aging is fast becoming a main stream social issue across the County. Intergenerational and community based initiatives are emerging as essential to meet the growing needs to achieve desired outcomes for seniors and caregivers.

Departmental Concurrence

LuVerne Molberg, Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

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

- Dep't Recomm.: Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** ALL | **Agenda Number:**

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PROCLAMATION

OLDER AMERICAN MONTH 2004

WHEREAS, Riverside County is home to more than 270,000 citizen aged 60 years or older representing a huge migration of older citizens from neighboring counties and a national trend of longevity; and

WHEREAS, older citizens are entitled to have dignity and independence in their lives, and opportunities for purpose and meaningful contribution to society; and

WHEREAS, aging is not what it used to be, and a vital and productive lifestyle is becoming more the norm with healthy diet, exercise, and active engagement in society.

WHEREAS, negative stereotypes about aging lead to age discrimination and reduce opportunities to maximize the vital talents and resources of this population to address community and family needs; and

WHEREAS, aging is a family matter since our society is dependent upon the support and resources shared between generations, and benefits greatly from contributions older adults make to families and families make to older adults;

WHEREAS, each community in Riverside County must strive to address the challenges and needs of the rapidly growing population of older citizens and support the family caregivers who assist them;

NOW THEREFORE WE, the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County do hereby proclaim the month of May 2004 as Older Americans Month, and express our support for the right of all older citizens to live meaningful lives and receive support services that preserve dignity and independence

AND WE FURTHER, acknowledge the leadership and service of the Office on Aging Advisory Council on Aging for advancing a positive vision and strong advocacy for older adults in Riverside County.