

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

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SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 18, 2005

FROM:

Department of Public Social Services
Department of Mental Health
Community Health Agency
Riverside County Regional Medical Center
Area Agency on Aging

SUBJECT: Social Worker Recognition Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors declare March 2005 as Social Worker Recognition Month in the County of Riverside and approve the attached proclamation.

BACKGROUND: (See Page 2)

Departmental Concurrence

Susan D. Harrington

Susan Harrington, Director of Public Health
Community Health Agency

Susan Loew

Susan Loew, Interim Director
Department of Public Social Services

Douglas H. Bagley

Douglas Bagley, Chief Executive Officer
Riverside County Regional Medical Center

John J. Ryan

John J. Ryan, Director
Department of Mental Health

Lu Molberg

Lu Molberg, Director
Area Agency on Aging

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 *Brenda King*

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

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BACKGROUND:

In the County of Riverside, there are many social workers providing vital help to our communities. Everyday social work heroes give a child, an adult, a senior citizen, or a family renewed hope by providing a wide range of services that promote the safety and well-being of individuals and strengthen communities.

Social workers are on the front lines helping people overcome some of life's most difficult challenges, such as: abuse, disability, physical and mental illness, addiction and more. The vital services provided by social workers include but are not limited to: protective services, counseling, advocacy, case management, and crisis intervention.

Social workers are found in public agencies, private agencies, nonprofit agencies, hospitals, schools, mental health clinics, senior centers, elected office, private practice, prisons, corporations and the military. There are over 40 areas of specialization within social work practice. According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), social work is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States. As of 2002, there are about 477,000 social workers employed in the United States. BLS reported that the need for social work services is expected to increase 21 to 35 percent by 2012.

By proclaiming March 2005 to be Social Worker Recognition Month in the County of Riverside, the Board of Supervisors continues a multi-year tradition and commitment to support the extraordinary efforts of social workers serving the communities in our county. This recognition is to take place during the same month that the State of California and the Federal Government also recognize the social work profession.