


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

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FROM: Department of Community Action

SUBMITTAL DATE:
3/7/05

SUBJECT: Proclaiming the Third week in March 2005 as Mediation Week.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board proclaim the third week in March 2005 as Mediation Week and set the date of Tuesday, March 15, 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 2005 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 F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	04/05

SOURCE OF FUNDS: No County funds will be used	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 *Dan Martin*

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

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
OFFICE EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

Whereas, the Governor of the State of California will recognize March 20-26, 2005 as Mediation Week; and

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

Whereas, in an effort to resolve conflict amicably, improve relations among our people and within neighborhoods and families, and relieve the burden of litigation which is overwhelming our judiciary, many of our citizens have turned to mediation, with resulting social economic, and personal benefits; and

Whereas, mediation is a private and voluntary process for people in dispute whereby a neutral third party assists the disputants in mutually resolving their conflict by helping them to communicate; and

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

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, be it resolved that the County of Riverside hereby proclaims the week of March 20-26, 2005 as Mediation Week and urges all citizens to settle their disputes through mediation.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPED this _____ day of _____ 2005

ATTEST:
