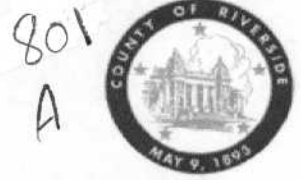


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Community Health Agency/Department of Public Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 31, 2005

SUBJECT: National HIV Testing Day

RECOMMENDED MOTION: 1) Proclaim Monday, June 27, 2005 as National HIV Testing Day

BACKGROUND:

HIV disease and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) remain a significant public health problem in Riverside County. In 2004, the Department of Public Health reported 184 cases of AIDS and 404 cases of HIV disease. Since 1983, 2,255 individuals have died from HIV related complications. National HIV Testing Day is an opportunity to encourage people at risk for HIV disease to seek HIV testing and prevention education.

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Susan D. Harrington

Susan Harrington, Director of Public Health

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:	

SOURCE OF FUNDS: No funding required	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 Marting

Policy

Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

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SUBJECT: National HIV Testing Day

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BACKGROUND continued:

The Department of Public Health, HIV/AIDS Program will be coordinating special test sites from June 21 to June 30 throughout Riverside County. Testing activities will include our community partners, the Inland AIDS Project, Desert AIDS Project, Planned Parenthood, and Working Wonders. These special HIV testing clinics will utilize the rapid test procedure, which allows individuals to receive their test results within an hour. HIV testing is still the only way for individuals to know if they are infected. HIV testing procedures include information on how to avoid being infected, referrals for medical and support services, and other services based on stated needs. The goal of the HIV testing program is to encourage HIV infected individuals to enroll into medical care early to receive the maximum benefit of current HIV treatment.

**County of Riverside
PROCLAMATION**

**TO PROCLAIM
NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY
Monday, June 27, 2005**

- WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS is a prevalent public health concern in the County of Riverside; and
- WHEREAS, in Riverside County HIV infection continues to rise; and
- WHEREAS, the availability of free HIV counseling and testing allows each person an opportunity to increase their knowledge of HIV, discuss and determine their personal risk of HIV, set goals to prevent HIV and learn their HIV status; and
- WHEREAS, early entry into HIV care (Early Intervention Program) leads to longer, healthier and more productive lives; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health has a variety of programs to help each person infected and affected with HIV access to medical care, medication, benefits, advocacy, support, education, nutrition, case management, and related services; and
- WHEREAS, engaging in Counseling and Testing is an effective method for the development of individualized skills to prevent HIV; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim Monday, June 27, 2005, to be NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY.

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