

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

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**FROM:** FIRE

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
August 15, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Proclamation Honoring Firefighter Chris Kanton

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the accompanying proclamation honoring Firefighter Chris Kanton.

**BACKGROUND:** On August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Firefighter Chris Kanton was responding to the Banning Pass in Riverside County Fire Engine 58 during storm emergencies when the engine was involved in an accident that caused the death of Chris Kanton. We would like to ask the Board recognize the service of Firefighter Kanton with this proclamation. Chief Anthony will accept the proclamation at Board Meeting

Departmental Concurrence

*Craig E. Anthony*  
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Craig E. Anthony, County Fire Chief

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

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**

**County Executive Office Signature** *Bob Schwel*

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

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PROCLAMATION  
AUGUST 23, 2005

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors strongly values effective customer service and so recognizes employees that provide superior service and performance, and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Fire Department as administered under cooperative agreement by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) provides fire, pre-hospital emergency medical service, technical rescue and hazardous materials response to the unincorporated area of the county, 16 contract cities and the one community service district and the state watershed fire protection mission as part of the integrated, cooperative, regional fire protection system and its 94 fire stations spread over 7,200 square miles, and

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of August 6, 2005, a horrific thunderstorm hit western Riverside County with winds in excess of 70 MPH, blinding dust storms and rainfall amounts exceeding two inches that led to numerous emergencies to which the fire department responded, and

WHEREAS, on August 6<sup>th</sup> shortly after 2:30 pm, Riverside County Engine 58 from the Moreno Beach Fire Station within the City of Moreno Valley and part of the regional fire protection system was dispatched initially to move up to the Banning Pass area due to numerous storm related emergencies and subsequently dispatched to a water flooding area in the Cherry Valley area, and

WHEREAS, just shortly after 3:00 pm, Engine 58 encountered the wrath of the storm when transitioning from eastbound State Route 60 to eastbound Interstate 10 resulting in the fire engine leaving the road causing the death of CDF Firefighter Chris Kanton, 24, moderate injuries to CDF Fire Apparatus Engineer Mike Arizaga and minor injuries to CDF Firefighter Richard Bruning, and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Chris Kanton began his career in San Luis Obispo County as a Volunteer Firefighter and later promoted to Seasonal Firefighter working in both San Luis Obispo County and Riverside Counties, later moving to a Riverside County Hazardous Materials Specialist position during May 2003 and last winter transferred to Fire Station 58, and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Kanton paid the ultimate sacrifice of public service in giving his life in a most traumatic way while attempting to help others, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors strongly recognizes the sacrifice made by CDF Firefighter Chris Kanton in serving the citizens of the county, and

FURTHERMORE RESOLVES, that the Board dedicates the August 23, 2005 Board of Supervisors regular meeting in the honor of fallen Firefighter Chris Kanton.

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BOB BUSTER  
Supervisor, First District

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JOHN TAVAGLIONE  
Supervisor, Second District

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JEFF STONE  
Supervisor, Third District

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ROY WILSON  
Supervisor, Fourth District

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MARION ASHLEY  
Supervisor, Fifth District