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



**FROM:** Community Health Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 18, 2005

**SUBJECT:** West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

Recognize and proclaim the week of April 25<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 as "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" and approve the attached proclamation.

**BACKGROUND:** Since West Nile Virus (WNV) first appeared in the United States in 1999, it has rapidly progressed across the country. As of 2004, the presence of WNV was detected coast to coast and has affected almost all of the contiguous United States. From its initial appearance, it was apparent that this strain was far more virulent than the first strain that appeared in Uganda in 1937. Across the nation, WNV has been responsible for significant human morbidity and mortality. Additionally, WNV demonstrated a unique and frightening ability to cross species barriers. The long term consequences of the Virus have yet to be determined. However, it is known that it can significantly impact human lives, economic interests and the ecosystem. WNV is a prominent example not only of vector-borne diseases, but also the increasing threat of emerging infections in our global community.

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Gary M. Feldman, Director  
Community Health Agency

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	04/05

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	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**

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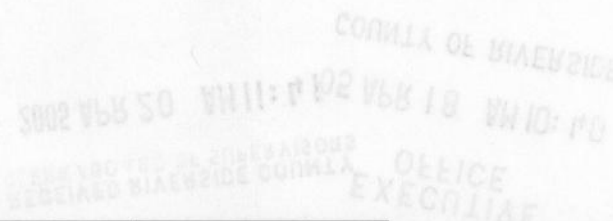
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**Prev. Agn. Ref.:**

**District:** All

**Agenda Number:**

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Subject: West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week

Because the impact of WNV is so profound, the Community Health Agency formed the "West Nile Virus Task Force" in 2004 in collaboration with the County Department of Public Health, Disease Control Program; County Department of Environmental Health, Vector Control Program; the State Department of Health Services; UC Davis and UC Riverside; the State Department of Food and Agriculture; the City of Riverside; the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District; and the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District to actively fight the progression of West Nile Virus in Riverside County.

By proclaiming the week of April 25 to May 1, 2005, as West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week, Riverside County is taking a considerable step forward in the fight against West Nile Virus.

**WEST NILE VIRUS AND MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL  
AWARENESS WEEK RESOLUTION 2005**

This resolution would declare April 25 through May 1, 2005, West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week in the County of Riverside.

WHEREAS, in 2004, West Nile virus killed 27 people in California and sickened over 800 individuals; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 there were 2 deaths and 116 West Nile Virus infections in Riverside County residents: and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control predict West Nile virus poses a grave public health threat in California in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Adequately funded mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance and public awareness programs are the best way to prevent outbreaks of West Nile virus and other diseases borne by mosquitoes and other vectors; and

WHEREAS, Mosquitoes that are commonly found within California are known vectors of the West Nile virus, which has struck with deadly force throughout the United States in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Educational programs have been developed to include schools, civic groups, private industry, and government agencies, in order to meet the public's need for information about West Nile virus, other diseases and mosquito and vector biology and control; and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Agency has formed a partnership entitled the "West Nile Virus Task Force" in collaboration with the County Department of Public Health, Disease Control Program, County Department of Environmental Health, Vector Control Program, the State Department of Health Services, UC Davis and UC Riverside, the State Department of Food and Agriculture, the City of Riverside, the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, and the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District to actively fight the progression of West Nile Virus in Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" will increase the public's awareness of the threat of West Nile virus and other diseases and the activities of the various mosquito and vector research and control agencies working to minimize the health threat within California, and will highlight the educational programs currently available; and

WHEREAS, The Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has designated the week of April 25 through May 1, 2005, as "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" in the State of California;

THEREFORE, NOW LET IT BE KNOWN THAT the Riverside County Board of Supervisors proclaim the week of April 25 through May 1, 2005 be designated as West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week.