

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

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FROM: Department of Mental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 26, 2005

SUBJECT: Mental Health Department sponsored Proclamation;
"May is Mental Health Month"

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 2005
as "Mental Health Month"

BACKGROUND: The Department of Mental Health requests that May 2005, be designated as
"Mental Health Month" in Riverside County to focus attention on the pervasiveness of mental
illness and to raise public awareness of mental health, mental illness, and the need for appropriate,
accessible services for all people with mental illness.

Departmental Concurrence

JJR:KS

John J. Ryan

John J. Ryan, Director
Department of Mental Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	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.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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PROCLAMATION

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, mental health is critical for our well-being and vitality as well as that of our families, communities, and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the President's New Freedom Commission has declared that mental health disorders and mental health problems affect people of all backgrounds and all stages of life, and no one is immune; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization found that mental illnesses rank first in terms of causing disability in the United States and, collectively, are the most prevalent health problem in America today, more common than cancer, lung and heart disease combined; and,

WHEREAS, one in ten children has a serious mental health disorder that, if untreated, can lead to school failure, physical illness, substance abuse, and even suicide; and,

WHEREAS, mental health disorders such as schizophrenia, depression and anxiety disorders are real common, and treatable illnesses; and,

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General has found that a range of mental health treatments of documented efficacy exists for most mental health disorders; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health for all residents; and,

WHEREAS, the National Mental Health Association, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and their national partners observe Mental Health Month every May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and illness;

THEREFORE, I, Marion Ashley, do hereby proclaim May 2005, as Mental Health Month in Riverside County. As the Chairperson of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I call upon all residents of Riverside County, citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness.