

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

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SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 24, 2006

FROM:

Department of Public Social Services
Department of Mental Health
Community Health Agency
Riverside County Regional Medical Center
Office on Aging

SUBJECT: Social Worker Recognition Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors declare March 2006 as Social Worker Recognition Month in the County of Riverside and approve the attached proclamation.

BACKGROUND: (See Page 2)

Departmental Concurrence

Susan D. Harrington

Susan Harrington, Director of Public Health
Community Health Agency

Cynthia Hinckley

Cynthia Hinckley, Director
Department of Public Social Services

Douglas Bagley

Douglas Bagley, Chief Executive Officer
Riverside County Regional Medical Center

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Jerry A. Wenger, Director
Department of Mental Health

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Lu Molberg, Director
Office on Aging

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	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 Martinez*

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

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: 2/24/06

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SUBJECT: Social Worker Recognition Month

BACKGROUND:

In the County of Riverside, there are many social workers providing vital help to our communities. Everyday social work heroes give a child, an adult, a senior citizen, or a family renewed hope by providing a wide range of services that promote the safety and well-being of individuals and strengthen communities.

Social workers are on the front lines helping people overcome some of life's most difficult challenges, such as: abuse, disability, physical and mental illness, addiction and more. The vital services provided by social workers include but are not limited to: protective services, counseling, advocacy, case management, and crisis intervention.

Social workers are found in public agencies, private agencies, nonprofit agencies, hospitals, schools, mental health clinics, senior centers, elected office, private practice, prisons, corporations and the military. There are over 40 areas of specialization within social work practice. According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), social work is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States. As of 2002, there are about 477,000 social workers employed in the United States. BLS reported that the need for social work services is expected to increase 21 to 35 percent by 2012.

By proclaiming March 2006 to be Social Worker Recognition Month in the County of Riverside, the Board of Supervisors continues a multi-year tradition and commitment to support the extraordinary efforts of social workers serving the communities in our county. This recognition is to take place during the same month that the State of California and the Federal Government also recognize the social work profession.



Board of Supervisors

SOCIAL WORKER RECOGNITION MONTH

MARCH 2006

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WHEREAS, Social Workers are committed to helping people overcome some of life's most difficult challenges: poverty, discrimination, abuse, addiction, physical illness, loss, unemployment, educational problems, disability, and mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are committed to service in every facet of community life in schools, hospitals, mental health clinics, senior centers, elected office, private practices, prisons, military, corporations, and in numerous public and private agencies that serve individuals and families in need; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are committed to helping people help themselves, whenever and wherever they need it most; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are committed to creativity and foresight through assessment, support, counseling, resource coordination and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are committed to individuals, groups and institutions by shaping legislation and public policy for the benefit of those they serve; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are committed to fairness and equity by embracing the core values of serving others, balancing social justice, preserving personal dignity, building healthy relationships, upholding professional integrity, and seeking cultural competence;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, in recognition of professional Social Workers and their commitment and dedication to individuals, families and communities through legislative advocacy, service delivery, research and education, does hereby proclaim the month of March, 2006 as

SOCIAL WORKER RECOGNITION MONTH and that they call upon the people of Riverside County to join in celebration and support of Social Workers and the Social Work Profession.

Bob Buster

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