

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

718A



FROM: Department of Mental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
4/17/06

SUBJECT: Proclamation for "May is Mental Health Month"

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 2006 as "Mental Health Month!"

BACKGROUND: The Department of Mental Health requests that May 2006, 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

JW:

Jerry Wengerd

Jerry Wengerd, Director
Department of Mental Health

FINANCIAL DATA

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

Lisa Brandt

County Executive Office Signature

Policy

Consent

Dept Recomm.:

Per Exec. Ofc.:

PS: ITHA E-YAM 2006

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

2.5

Proclamation 2006

WHEREAS, the Presidents' New Freedom Commission declared that mental 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, and lung and heart disease combined; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has found that a range of effective mental health treatments exist for most disorders; and

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

THEREFORE, we, the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May 2006 Mental Health Month in Riverside County. We also call upon all Riverside County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to understanding mental illness.