

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

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FROM: Community Health Agency, Department of Animal Services

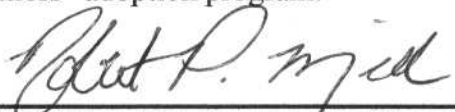
SUBMITTAL DATE:
5/15/2006

SUBJECT: Adopt – A – Shelter Cat Month – June 2006

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Recognize and proclaim the month of June 2006 as Adopt – A – Shelter Cat month; and
- 2) Present the proclamation to Betsey Webster, Division Director for the Department Animal Services and Lori Neddermann, Adoption Program Chief, at the May 23, 2006 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

BACKGROUND: Adopt – A – Shelter Cat Month was established by the American Humane Association. Through spring and summer, animal shelters throughout Riverside County and the United States are inundated with hundreds upon hundreds of unwanted kittens that only add to the already staggering numbers of cats. June is recognized nationally to promote adoptions of cats into good, safe homes and to also educate the public as to it's responsibilities as owners towards their pets. During Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month, the "2 furr U" promotion allows adopters to select two cats or kittens for the usual cost of one; and senior shelter cats, 5 years of age or older, will be offered to Senior citizens at no cost through the "Seniors for Seniors" adoption program.




 Robert Miller, Director of Animal Services

FINANCIAL DATA	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:	05/06

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 

Dept't Recomm.: Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Policy
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PROCLAMATION

Declaring the month of June 2006 as

“ADOPT-A-SHELTER CAT MONTH”

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 70 million homeless cats in the United States.

WHEREAS, during 2005 nearly 7000 cats were received by Riverside County Animal shelters and less than one percent of those cats were claimed by owners.

WHEREAS, during Spring and Summer Riverside County Animal Shelters receive hundreds of unwanted kittens that add to the already staggering numbers of cats in the shelters.

WHEREAS, cats can add up to 10 years to their owners lives. They have an immediate calming effect when picked up, thus lowering blood pressure and slowing the heart rate.

WHEREAS, this month is recognized nationally to promote adoption of shelter of cats into good, safe homes and to also educate the public as to it's responsibilities as owners towards their pets.

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Department of Animal Services has demonstrated its commitment to the elimination of the euthanasia of adoptable animals by promoting adoption, humane education and the reduction of the pet over-population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby proclaim the month of June 2006 as:

“ADOPT-A-SHELTER CAT MONTH”

and encourages its fellow citizens to support the spay and neuter of companion animals and to recognize the need to adopt homeless shelter pets this month and throughout the entire year.

Dated this 23rd of May, 2006