

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

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FROM: Department of Public Social Services -
Community Action Partnership of Riverside County
SUBJECT: Proclaim October 2006 as Weatherization Month

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 3, 2006

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. That the Board of Supervisors recognize and proclaim October 2006 as Weatherization Month in Riverside County.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Public Social Services – Community Action Partnership of Riverside County (DPSS – CAP Riverside) in conjunction with the United States Department of Energy has designated the month of October as Weatherization Month to illustrate the importance of home weatherization and energy conservation programs to residents of Riverside County.

Departmental Concurrence

Lois J. Carson
Lois J. Carson, Executive Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	NA
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NA
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	06/07

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 *Debra Cooney*

- Consent
- Policy
- Consent
- Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

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BACKGROUND (Continued from Page 1):

The Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (DOE-WAP), working with its state and local partners like DPSS – CAP Riverside, helps to reduce the energy burden on low-income families by installing cost-effective, energy efficient measures. Each year since the inception of the DOE-WAP in 1981, DPSS – CAP Riverside's Energy Division weatherizes over 450 homes of low-income families. These families save an average of \$275 to \$325 annually on their heating and cooling bills after the installation of weatherization measures.

Therefore, DPSS – CAP Riverside requests the Board of Supervisors to recognize and proclaim that October 2006 as Weatherization Month.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No County funds will be used.

CONCUR/EXECUTE: County Counsel

**TO PROCLAIM
OCTOBER 2006
AS
WEATHERIZATION MONTH**

- Whereas,** the Weatherization Assistance Program, the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program, was initiated and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, DC in 1976 in response to the energy shortage to states and communities assisting low-income families to have more energy efficient, safe, and improved homes; and
- Whereas,** the *Community Action Partnership of Riverside County* has worked for more than 25 years reducing poverty in the county, considers Weatherization a vital part of its overall effort to help people of low income gain energy-efficient, affordable, and safe housing, and other basic necessities that enable them to advance socially and economically; and
- Whereas,** the program has conducted for 25 years, energy audits, used advanced technologies to determine the energy conservation needs of a home, and has provided replacement microwave ovens, refrigerators and light bulbs; caulking and sealing of cracks and holes; insulating of attics, walls, and floors; installing windows; repairing and retrofitting of furnaces; detection of leaking gas, and other improvements to more than 450 homes throughout the county this year; and
- Whereas,** it is widely agreed that it is in the best interest of our government and others in the public and private sectors to work together to support and strengthen this program that has done so much for so many in our county, for the betterment of all, without creating dependency;
- Whereas,** low income households spend a disproportionate percentage of their annual incomes on home energy bills; and,
- Whereas,** this program not only saves energy through advanced technologies to improve the energy affordability for low-income families, but also saves lives and improves the health and safety of families by identifying carbon monoxide hazards, poor indoor air quality, mold, and other health threats; and,
- Whereas,** it is important to recognize the importance of this program that ensures that all residents, especially those living at or below the federal poverty level, have the opportunity to live in energy efficient, healthy, safe, and comfortable homes as provided for by the Weatherization Assistance Program;

Now, Therefore, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the **Riverside County Board of Supervisors** does hereby proclaim October 2006 as "**WEATHERIZATION MONTH**" in the **County of Riverside**.