

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

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FROM: Department of Public Social Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
10/25/2006

SUBJECT: National Adoption Awareness Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors proclaim November 2006 to be National Adoption Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND:

Departmental Concurrence

Each year, November is recognized as National Adoption Awareness Month. While all adoptions are recognized, the particular focus of the month is the adoption of children currently in foster care. National Adoption Week was proclaimed in Massachusetts in 1976. The number of states designating a special week to the practice of adoption gradually increased, leading to the proclamation of National Adoption Awareness Month in 1990.

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Cynthia Hinckley

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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:	06/07

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 *Debra Courmayer*

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

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BACKGROUND CONTINUED:

Each year, the President leads the national effort to raise awareness with a Presidential Proclamation designating November as a month to celebrate adoptive families and bring awareness to the many children awaiting permanent loving families.

This proclamation serves to commend Riverside County adoptive parents for their significant contributions to strengthening and improving our families and communities. It also provides awareness to those children still awaiting permanent adoptive homes and the need for the people of Riverside County to assist in efforts to decrease the number of children waiting to be adopted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with this proclamation.

CONCUR/EXECUTE: N/A

CH:mg

***National Adoption Awareness Month
November 2006***

WHEREAS, we have the privilege and responsibility to provide every child in Riverside County with a safe and nurturing home when a child's safety is compromised; and

WHEREAS, we are fortunate to have adoptive parents who offer permanent loving homes when children are unable to return to their biological parents; and

WHEREAS, the decision to adopt is a lifelong commitment and often requires compassion to issues related to abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to commend adoptive parents for their dedication to providing abused and neglected children with love, self worth and permanent homes; and

NOW THEREFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, in recognition of the tireless efforts of adoptive parents to support our families and communities; and in awareness of the many children who desire permanent families of their own, does hereby proclaim the month of November, 2006 as

NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH, calling attention to the need to decrease the numbers of children waiting to be adopted and calling upon the people of Riverside County to join in the celebration and support of adoptive families.

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