

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

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FROM: PROBATION DEPARTMENT

SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Retirement Proclamation for Marie Whittington, Chief Probation Officer

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the attached Retirement Proclamation for Marie Whittington; and
- 2) Present the Proclamation to Marie Whittington at the February 27, 2007 Board Meeting.

BACKGROUND: On February 2, 1998, Marie Whittington was appointed as the Chief Probation Officer of Riverside County. Chief Whittington has 45 years of dedicated service to law enforcement, including nine years as Chief Probation Officer of Riverside County. Chief Whittington will relinquish her duties and responsibilities and retire from service on March 23, 2007.

Departmental Concurrence

Craig A. Cass

Craig Cass,
Chief Deputy Probation Officer-Institutions

Ed Vasquez

Ed Vasquez,
Chief Deputy Probation Officer-Field Services

Rick Quinata

Rick Quinata,
Chief Deputy Probation Officer-Special Programs

Sally A. Beavan

Sally A. Beavan,
Chief Deputy Probation Administrator

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** *Lisa Brandt*

County Executive Office Signature

Policy

Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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District: All

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Marie Whittington is retiring on March 23, 2007, after forty-five years of dedicated service to law enforcement, including nine years as Chief Probation Officer of Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, Marie Whittington began her career as a DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER in 1962 with the Orange County Probation Department and promoted to SUPERVISOR and DIVISION DIRECTOR and served as DEPUTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER of San Mateo County Probation Department; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 1998, Marie Whittington was appointed the first female CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER of Riverside County where she has served well and faithfully for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Marie Whittington was recognized as WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT by Orange County Board of Supervisors in 1988 and received the ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD from University of Redlands in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Marie Whittington, during her Probation career designed and operated many innovative probation programs including the first electronic monitoring program in California, a jail/employment program which released inmates to work in nearby industry, a public/private work furlough facility which saved jail beds and safely transitioned offenders back into the community, and a Domestic Violence Treatment Program and the legislation which still requires batterers to complete comprehensive treatment; and

WHEREAS, Marie Whittington has been active in the Chief Probation Officers of California, designed the Probation Command College, reorganized the Assistant Chief's Association into the California Association of Probation Service Administrators, and has served as an instructor at Management and Administrator Core Course for newly appointed Probation and jail managers and at Command College for aspiring Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, Chief Whittington has successfully led the Probation Department through difficult years when the Probation Department doubled in size and complexity, and successfully met the significant challenges of growth, limited resources, new mandated programs and the construction of the new Southwest Juvenile Hall and the expanded Indio Juvenile Hall, and the opening of four major offices in Indio, Southwest Justice Center, Perris and Riverside, and has a new Moreno Valley office on the drawing board; and

WHEREAS, Chief Whittington has set a high standard of professional excellence for the Probation Department as it continues to serve the courts and the community through professional investigations, reports, and offender supervision and case management; and,

WHEREAS, Marie Whittington during her career with Riverside County Probation instituted the Annual Manager/SPO Retreat, Senior Leadership Conference and Clerical Leadership Retreat to enhance skill and encourage interdivisional communication and build a cohesive management team rich with diversity; and

WHEREAS, Marie Whittington will continue to travel the world and enjoy her two wonderful children and three beautiful grandchildren in this new chapter of life called retirement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors hereby commends Marie Whittington on her outstanding 45 years of service to Probation and the people of Orange County, San Mateo County and Riverside County and wishes her the very best in her retirement.