

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



FROM: Supervisor Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 2, 2007

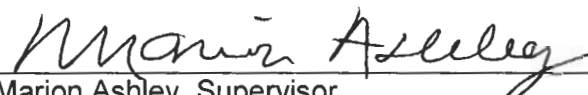
SUBJECT: Proclaiming May 18, 2007 as National Endangered Species Day

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board proclaims May 18, 2007 as Endangered Species Day and set the date of May 8, 2007 to present a proclamation to the TLMA/Environmental Programs Department recognizing their efforts implementing programs that support our Nation's commitment to conserving our natural heritage.

BACKGROUND: On May 1, 2007, the US Senate unanimously declared May 18, 2006 as National Endangered Species Act Day. Each May, America celebrates its commitment to protecting and recovering our Nation's endangered species.

Locally, the County has selected this day to commemorate the National Endangered Species Day by issuing a proclamation and educating our local youth on life science principals pertaining to the endangered and sensitive species that exist at the Sycamore Canyon Reserve. The Reserve is one of several reserves established by the Stephen's Kangaroo Rat Habitat Conservation Plan, which is in its 17th year. At the Sycamore Canyon Reserve, the students will be introduced to local wildlife, the habitat on which they depend, and the unique balance that must be achieved so that both the human species and animal species may continue to enjoy our natural resources.

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National Endangered Species Day May 18, 2007

Whereas, the U.S. Senate unanimously proclaimed May 18th as National Endangered Species Day; and

Whereas, over 1,800 species worldwide are now listed as threatened and endangered; and

Whereas, Riverside County has more than 49 plant and animal species listed as threatened or endangered; and

Whereas, Riverside County has led the effort to protect its locally endangered species for more than 17 years by setting aside reserves throughout the County for this purpose; and

Whereas, Riverside County will join with other organizations, businesses, landowners, and agencies with a shared interest in conserving endangered species to collaborate on educational information for this purpose; and

Whereas, the TLMA – Environmental Programs Department has been created by the Board of Supervisors to implement four regionally significant habitat conservation programs within the County of Riverside and actively educate the public about these programs; and

Whereas, in recognition of National Endangered Species Day, the TLMA-Environmental Programs Department will educate local youth on life science principals pertaining to the endangered and sensitive species that exist at the Sycamore Canyon Reserve; the benefits we derived from conserving such species; and the balance that must be maintained among all species sharing the same resources; and

Whereas, with these young people rests the future leadership of our community and the protection and conservation of our natural resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the day of May 18, 2007 as Endangered Species Day.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this eighth day of May 2007

ATTEST: