

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

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SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 29, 2008

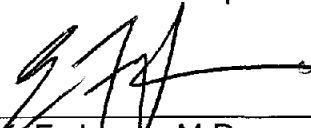
FROM:

Department of Public Social Services
Department of Mental Health
Community Health Agency
Riverside County Regional Medical Center
Office on Aging

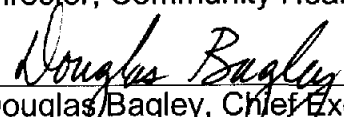
SUBJECT: Social Worker Recognition Month

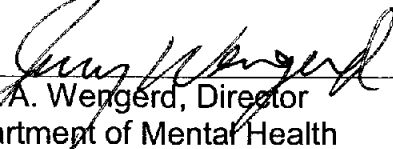
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors declare March 2008 as Social Worker Recognition Month in the County of Riverside and approve the attached proclamation.


BACKGROUND: (See Page 2)


Eric K. Frykman, M.D.
Director, Community Health Agency


Susan Loew, Director
Department of Public Social Services



Douglas Bagley, Chief Executive Officer
Riverside County Regional Medical Center


Jerry A. Wengerd, Director
Department of Mental Health


Ed Walsh, Director
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| 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 |

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| 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
BY: 
Debra Cournoyer
County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: 
LARISA R-MCKENNA
DATE: 2/22/08

Departmental Concurrence

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

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BACKGROUND:

In the County of Riverside, there are many social workers providing vital services to our communities. Social workers help people in all stages of life, from children to the elderly, and in all situations, from adoption to hospice care. Every day, social work heroes give a child, an adolescent, an adult, a senior citizen, or a family renewed hope by providing a wide range of services that promote the safety and well-being of individuals and strengthen communities.

Social workers are on the front lines helping people overcome some of life's most difficult challenges, such as: abuse, disability, physical and mental illness, teen pregnancy, addiction and more. The vital services provided by social workers include, but are not limited to: protective services, counseling, advocacy, case management, and crisis intervention. Other types of social workers, such as social work planners and policy makers develop the programs to address the above issues.

Social workers are found in public agencies, private agencies, nonprofit agencies, hospitals, schools, mental health clinics, senior centers, elected office, private practice, prisons, corporations and the military. There are over 40 areas of specialization within social work practice. According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), social work is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States. As of 2005, there are approximately 595,000 social workers employed in the United States. BLS reported that employment of social workers is expected to increase by 22%, which is much faster than average for all occupations through 2016.

By proclaiming March 2008 to be Social Worker Recognition Month in the County of Riverside, the Board of Supervisors continues a tradition and commitment to support the extraordinary efforts of social workers serving the communities in our county. This recognition is to take place during the same month that the State of California and the Federal Government also recognize the social work profession.

SOCIAL WORKER RECOGNITION MONTH

MARCH 2008

WHEREAS the theme of Social Work Month 2008 is "Healing the Past, Guiding the Present, Protecting the Future."

WHEREAS social workers are committed to service in every facet of community life in schools, hospitals, mental health clinics, senior centers, elected office, private practices, prisons, military, corporations, and in numerous public and private agencies that serve individuals and families in need.

WHEREAS social workers connect individuals, families and communities with available resources.

WHEREAS social workers are dedicated to improving the society in which we live.

WHEREAS social workers are positive and compassionate professionals.

WHEREAS social workers are advocates in ensuring access for all people to the same rights, protections, and opportunities.

WHEREAS social workers help people help themselves.

WHEREAS social workers have been the driving force behind important social movements in the United States and abroad.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, in recognition of professional Social Workers and their commitment and dedication to individuals, families and communities through legislative advocacy, service delivery, research and education, does hereby proclaim the month of March 2008 as

SOCIAL WORKER RECOGNITION MONTH and that they call upon the citizens of Riverside County to join in celebration and support of Social Workers and the Social Work profession.

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