

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

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FROM: Department of Mental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:

November 17, 2008

SUBJECT: DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of December 2008 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Mental Health requests that December 2008 be designated as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Many drivers may be unaware that their driving abilities can be seriously impaired by the use of alcohol and drugs even though their blood alcohol levels are below California Driving Under the Influence (D.U.I.) Standards. The intent of this campaign is to increase public awareness of the effects of alcohol and drugs even at minimal consumption levels and to create safer highways by reducing drunk and drugged driving.

Dir Departmental Concurrence

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Jerry Wengert, 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:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	2008/2009

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 BY: *Debra Cournoyer*
Debra Cournoyer

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



**THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008
NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING
PREVENTION MONTH**

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs results in staggering economic costs to society. Nationally, millions of dollars are spent annually. The cost includes treatment and court costs, as well as indirect costs, such as absenteeism and loss of job productivity;
- WHEREAS,** Driving under the influence has caused thousands of deaths on our Nations highways and the streets of our communities;
- WHEREAS,** In 2007, there were 3,591 Driving Under the Influence (DUI's) arrests in the County of Riverside alone;
- WHEREAS,** Driving under the influence has resulted in families being left victimized with loss of a family member, friend or neighbor;
- WHEREAS,** There were 528 (or 6.74%) DUI Deaths and/or Fatal Injuries reported in 2007 in the County of Riverside;
- WHEREAS,** Statewide, there were 7,790 DUI Deaths and/or Fatal Injuries reported in 2007; and
- WHEREAS,** The mission is to nationally recognize and formulate measures for awareness and prevention through legislation, media, and groups that combat driving under the influence and the tragedy that it may bring.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we the County of Riverside proclaim December 2008, "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.