

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

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FROM: Riverside County Regional Medical Center

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 2, 2009

SUBJECT: Child Abuse & Neglect Awareness and Sexual Assault Awareness Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors proclaim April 2009 as Child Abuse & Neglect Awareness and Sexual Assault Awareness month and support April 22, 2009 as "Wear Denim Day"

BACKGROUND: Child abuse and neglect and sexual assault are serious problems profoundly affecting the physical, emotional, mental and social wellbeing of victims. April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. April 22nd is recognized as "Wear Denim Day" in effort to dispel myths and injustices regarding sexual assault. With leadership and commitment progress can be made to create short and long term solutions to the endemic problem of child abuse and neglect and sexual violence in Riverside County. We ask the Board of Supervisors to proclaim April 2009 as Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness and Sexual Assault Awareness Month and April 22, 2009 as "Wear Denim Day".

Departmental Concurrence

Rod Pacheco, District Attorney

Stanley Sniff, Sheriff - Coroner

Susan Loew, Director, Department of Public Social Services

Douglas Bagley, Hospital Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	08/09

SOURCE OF FUNDS: No funds to be used.	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: Debra Courmayer
Debra Courmayer

County Executive Office Signature

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

Office of the County Supervisor

WHEREAS, sexual assault and child abuse and neglect are intolerable violent crimes with public health implications for every person in Riverside County as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own-we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and child abuse and neglect, support victim/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victim survivors; and

WHEREAS, ending sexual assault in Riverside County must include active public and private efforts to Speak Out Against Sexual Violence and Child Abuse in collaboration with Riverside County Regional Medical Center, District Attorney, Department of Public Social Services and County Sheriff, including conversation of what sexual violence and child and neglect are, how to prevent it, and how to help survivors connect with crucial counseling and other support services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence and child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of sexual assault programs in Riverside county work year round to encourage every person in Riverside County to Speak Out Against Sexual Violence and Child Abuse to support survivors by providing education and survivor empowerment information to schools, churches, civic organizations, as well as medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding sexual assault and child abuse and neglect issues;

WHEREAS, Riverside County has set an important example of how forging collaborative relationships between service agencies and organizations serves to improve the quality of service for those most profoundly and directly impacted by sexual violence, thus setting an important example for how the rest of the community might work together to speak out and find solutions to sexual violence;

WHEREAS, Riverside County requests public support and assistance as it continues its efforts to bring real hope for freeing Riverside County from the tragedy of sexual violence to create a future where all women, men, and children can live free from violence and exploitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of April as CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT AWARENESS MONTH and SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH and proclaim April 22nd, 2009 as Denim Day, in recognition of efforts to dispel myths and injustices regarding child abuse and neglect and sexual assault in Riverside County and commend this observance to all citizens.