

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

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FROM: Department of Mental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclamation for the celebration of Riverside County Mental Health Court.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 14, 2009 as Riverside County Mental Health Court Celebration Day.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside County Mental Health Court has provided services in the Riverside Courts since 1997. In 2006, with Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding, the Riverside County Department of Mental Health Court (MH Court) was expanded into three (3) Courts of Riverside County. Since this expansion, MH Court has worked in collaboration with Judges, Public Defender, District Attorney, the Department of Mental Health (RCDMH) and the Probation Department to service hundreds of clients with mental illnesses in the legal system. RCDMH is experiencing a high level of success with its high risk population, and wishes to recognize all the hard work and effort put into the program through a celebration of their Mental Health Court. The Mental Health Court Celebration is scheduled for May 14, 2009 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm in Department 1 of the Historical Court House in Riverside. The event will consist of Guest Speakers and a reception on May 14, 2009 during the time outlined herein.

JW: KAS

Jerry Wengard

Jerry Wengard, Director
Department of Mental Health

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	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
Debra Cournoyer
BY: Debra Cournoyer
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District: All

Agenda Number:

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PROCLAMATION

**In Support of Establishing
May 14, 2009 as "Mental Health Court Celebration"**

WHEREAS, The Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Mental Health recognizes the important contributions of the Riverside County Mental Health Court; which is proven to be an excellent practice in addressing the jail recidivism of mentally ill defendants in our community; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County Mental Health Court provides the focus and leadership of a collaborative process; bringing together criminal justice, mental health treatment, education and other community partners to address mental illness and criminality; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County Mental Health Court programs combine intensive judicial supervision, mandatory mental health treatment, including substance abuse treatment, case management and incentives to increase treatment compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Officials, Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys, Treatment and Rehabilitation Professionals, Law Enforcement Agents, Corrections Personnel, Researchers and Educators, National and Community Leaders and others dedicated to the movement have had a profound impact through hard work and commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Court movement has grown in our county, and now includes the Riverside Mental Health Court serving the Western and Mid-County areas, and the Indio Mental Health Court serving the Desert Region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County declares that a Mental Health Court Celebration Day be established on May 14, 2009, recognizing the practitioners and participants who make Mental Health Courts work and the significant contributions that Mental Health Courts have made, and continue to make, to decrease jail recidivism in our community, provide linkage for Mental Health treatment, and increase treatment compliance.

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