

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

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**FROM:** Office on Aging

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 1, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Proclaim May 2009 as Older Americans Month in Riverside County

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of May 2009 as Older Americans Month in Riverside County and approve the attached proclamation.

**BACKGROUND:**

Each year May is proclaimed Older Americans Month across the Country and is a time set aside to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for them. Our efforts can improve the lives of our older adults and help pave the way for future generations. Every year the Administration on Aging (AoA) issues a theme for Older Americans Month. This year's theme "Living Today for a Better Tomorrow" reflects AoA's and Office on Aging's continued focus on prevention efforts and programs throughout the country that are helping older adults have better health as they age and avoid the risks and minimize the impact of chronic disease, disability and injury.

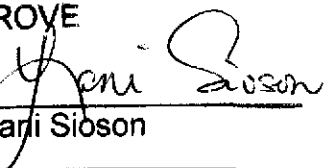
  
Edward F. Walsh, Director

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	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

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY:   
Lari Sioson

**County Executive Office Signature**

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

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**Older Americans Month  
May 2009**

*“Living Today for a Better Tomorrow.”*

WHEREAS, since 1963 the month of May has been designated by the U.S. Administration on Aging as America’s special time to honor and recognize its older citizens; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2020 Riverside County will have a population increase of 85% of the 60+ age group and a 103% increase of the age 85+ group; and

WHEREAS, the seniors of tomorrow will be increasingly multi-cultural and multi-generational; more diverse socially, ethnically and economically than past generations; and

WHEREAS, an expanding elder population will profoundly impact every facet of our lives – redefining our ideas of work, retirement and leisure, altering our housing and living arrangements, challenging our health care systems, reshaping our economy; and altering social and public policy; and

WHEREAS, the gift of longevity will ensure that today’s and tomorrow’s seniors will continue making significant contributions to our families by giving of themselves freely and by sharing their wisdom and experience; and

WHEREAS, it is important to acknowledge the contributions older individuals have made to our economic well-being, in our communities and in the workplace, through civic leadership and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, our older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and involved older adult populations in our nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all communities to work collaboratively to address older adults’ unique health and long-term care challenges; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that communities modernize systems of care to help empower older Americans and give them more control over their own lives; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim May 2009 to be Older Americans Month. The Board of Supervisors would like to urge everyone to take time to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for them. Our efforts can improve the lives of our older citizens and help pave the way for future generations.