

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

114A



FROM: Department of Mental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:

November 18, 2009

SUBJECT: DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of December 2009 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Mental Health requests that December 2009 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 register below California Driving Under the Influence (D.U.I.) Standards. The intent of this campaign is to increase public awareness of the adverse effects of alcohol and drug use, even at minimal consumption levels and, to create safer highways by reducing drunk and drugged driving.

Dir. Departmental Concurrence

JW:CW

Jerry Wengerd

 Jerry Wengerd, Director
 Department of Mental Health

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:	2009/2010

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*
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County Executive Office Signature

- Consent
- Policy
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- Policy

Dept. Recomm.:
 Dir. Exec. Ofc.:

**THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2009
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,** According to the National Safety Council; every 30 minutes someone dies in an alcohol-related crash. Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes killed over 17,000 people in 2005 alone (latest figures available);
- WHEREAS,** Driving under the influence has caused thousands of deaths on our Nation's highways and the streets of our communities;
- WHEREAS,** In 2008, there were 10,621 Driving under the Influence (DUI's) arrests of which 8,503 individuals were convicted 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 2,238 DUI Deaths and 33,247 alcohol/drug involved Injuries reported in 2007 (latest figures available) 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 2009, "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.