

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 18, 2010

FROM: Transportation and Land Management – Environmental Programs Department

SUBJECT: Proclaiming May 21, 2010 as Endangered Species Day

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Proclaim May 21, 2010 as Endangered Species Day in Riverside County.

BACKGROUND: On April 5, 2006 the U.S. Senate unanimously proclaimed May 11th as the first "Endangered Species Day". Each year since, America has continued to celebrate its commitment to protecting and recovering our nation's endangered species. Endangered Species Day encourages educational entities to teach and inform students about the threats to and the species. The Environmental Programs Department (EPD) and the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) have assumed a role in educating the public in general and youth in particular about the importance of the protection and recovery of endangered species.

Endangered Species Day also encourages organizations, businesses, private landowners, and agencies with a shared interest in conserving endangered species to assist the schools in observing the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

On October 20 and 21, 2009, EPD, in conjunction with the RCHCA, held its annual outreach program in recognition of Endangered Species Day. The event was held at the Sycamore Canyon Reserve, and approximately 300 sixth grade students from Riverside County attended. The event included a wildlife exhibit and presentation, as well as hands-on ecological and biological educational activities focusing on habitats. This effort has been supported by the RCHCA Board of Directors as well as the County Board of Supervisors.

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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 Adjustm	nent:	N/A	
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:		N/A	
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