

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

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FROM: Department of Mental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Proclamation for "May is Mental Health Month"

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors Proclaim "May is Mental Health Month".

BACKGROUND: Mental Health America, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and their national partners observe Mental Health Month each May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health issues. Each year the Department of Mental Health requests a proclamation of "May is Mental Health Month" in Riverside County to focus attention on the pervasiveness of mental illness and to raise public awareness of mental health, mental illness, and the need for appropriate, accessible services for all people with mental illness specifically in Riverside County.

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Jerry Wengert, Director of Mental Health

**FINANCIAL
DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	n/a
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	n/a
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	09/10

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

County Executive Office Signature

BY:
Debra Courmeyer

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Dep't Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 2.5 of 05/05/09

District: All

Agenda Number:

2.22

PROCLAMTION 2010
"MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH"

WHEREAS, mental health is critical for our well-being and vitality as well as that of our families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization found that mental illnesses are the number one cause of disability in the United States and, collectively, are the most prevalent health problem in America today – more common than cancer and heart disease combined; and

WHEREAS, one in 10 children has a serious mental disorder that can lead to school failure, physical illness, substance abuse, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2009 County of Riverside Homeless Count, there are 11,191 homeless adults and children on a given day; and according to the same count, nearly 38.69% of the homeless were children under the age of 18 living with a homeless parent; and according to the same count, nearly one-third reported symptoms of mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors has made a commitment to community-based mental health care for all residents; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health America, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and their national partners observe Mental Health Month each May to raise awareness and understanding of mental illness; and

THEREFORE, WE, the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim "May Is Mental Health Month" in Riverside County. We also call upon all Riverside County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness, improving the array of mental health services for consumers of all ages, and expanding the supply of affordable, supportive housing for people living with mental illness.