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





FROM: Community Action Partnership of Riverside County

SUBJECT: Proclamation – 2010 Community Action Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

Recognize and proclaim May 2010 as Community Action Month in Riverside County.

BACKGROUND: The National Association of Community Action Agencies requests that all Community Action Agencies in the country recognize May as Community Action Month. National Community Action Month was created by the Community Action Partnership to reinforce Community Action Agencies' role helping low-income families achieve economic stability.

Community Action Partnership of Riverside County (CAP Riverside) is celebrating its 30th anniversary as a leader to 1,200 peer agencies nationwide in the vision and the goal of ending poverty in America and in Riverside County, also known as "Bliss County", the desired state within the next thirty years. CAP Riverside administers high impact programs of wealth building (Individual Development Accounts, Earned Income Tax Credit) and advocacy (Declarations to End Poverty), and Project B.L.I.S.S. CAP Riverside has taken a leadership role in implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through its awards from the Department of Energy for home weatherization and Community Services Block Grant for a variety of community projects that has created 111 new jobs.

Current F.Y. Total Cost: In Current Year Budget: \$ 0 NA **FINANCIAL Budget Adjustment: Current F.Y. Net County Cost:** \$ 0 NA DATA **Annual Net County Cost:** For Fiscal Year: 09/10 \$ 0 SOURCE OF FUNDS: NA **Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30** Requires 4/5 Vote C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY 2010 AS COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Riverside County received designation as a community action agency in 1979, the Board of Supervisors and its tripartite Community Action Commission comprised in accordance with the law, one-third public sector, one-third private sector, and one-third low-income secto, are committed to ending poverty and developing innovative strategies for helping people, changing lives; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Partnership of Riverside County has been a leader to 1,200 peer agencies in the vision and the goal of ending poverty in America and in Riverside County, also known as "Bliss County", the desired state within the next 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Partnership of Riverside County was awarded the National Community Action Partnership Award for Excellence in 2005, becoming the first and so far the only public agency and California agency to receive this award; and

WHEREAS, the Community Action Commission, on behalf of the Board, oversees the Community Action Partnership budget of approximately \$25.5 million in 2009 to deliver high impact programs of wealth building (Individual Development Accounts and Earned Income Tax Credit) and advocacy (Declarations to End Poverty), and especially Project B.L.I.S.S to implement the vision, as well as quality of life services such as Weatherization and utility assistance; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Partnership of Riverside County has taken a leadership role in implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) through its award of \$7.6 million in Department of Energy ARRA funds for Weatherization and \$3.4 million in Community Services Block Grant ARRA funds for a variety of community projects. This funding has created 111 new jobs which are helping to turn our local economy around; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Partnership of Riverside County is celebrating its 30th anniversary, having been established by the Board of Supervisors in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Partnership is responding to crisis and helping families access the path to prosperity thereby Helping People – Changing Lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby proclaim the month of May 2010 as Community Action Month