

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

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FROM: Community Action Partnership of Riverside County

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 23, 2010

SUBJECT: Proclaim October 2010 as Weatherization Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim October 2010 as Weatherization Month in Riverside County.

BACKGROUND:

Community Action Partnership of Riverside County (CAP Riverside) in conjunction with the United States Department of Energy has designated October 2010 as Weatherization Month to illustrate the importance of home weatherization and energy conservation programs to residents of Riverside County.

The United States Department of Energy, working with its state and local partners like CAP Riverside, helps to reduce the energy burden on low-income families by installing cost-effective, energy efficient measures. CAP Riverside has increased its Weatherization activity as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). CAP Riverside was the first Community Action Agency in California to begin ARRA production and continues to lead the State. This year, CAP Riverside has weatherized 2,266 homes throughout the county, allowing families to save an average of \$275 to \$325 annually on their heating and cooling bills after the installation of weatherization measures.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	NA
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NA
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	10/11

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

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**TO PROCLAIM
OCTOBER, 2010
AS
WEATHERIZATION MONTH**

- Whereas,** the Weatherization Assistance Program, the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program, was initiated and funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and Community Services Administration in Washington, DC in 1976 in response to the energy shortage to states and communities assisting low-income families to have more energy efficient, safe, and improved homes; and
- Whereas,** *Community Action Partnership of Riverside County (CAP Riverside)*, in conjunction with the United States Department of Energy has designated October 2010 as Weatherization Month to illustrate the importance of home weatherization and energy conservation programs to the residents of Riverside County; and,
- Whereas,** Weatherization was in fact the first GREEN program; and,
- Whereas,** *CAP Riverside* has worked for 30 years reducing poverty in the county, considers Weatherization a home improvement program and a vital part of its overall effort to help people of low-income gain energy-efficient, affordable, and safe housing, and other basic necessities that enable them to advance socially and economically; and,
- Whereas,** the program has conducted energy audits, used advanced technologies to determine the energy conservation needs of a home, and has provided replacement microwaves, refrigerators and light bulbs; caulking and sealing of cracks and holes; insulating of attics, walls, and floors; installing windows; repairing and retrofitting of furnaces and air units; detection of gas leaks, and other improvements to more than 2,266 homes throughout the county this year; and,
- Whereas,** CAP Riverside has increased its Weatherization activity as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), and that CAP Riverside was the first Community Action Agency in California to begin ARRA production, and continues to lead the State; and
- Whereas,** low-income households spend a disproportionate percentage of their annual incomes on home energy bills; and,
- Whereas,** this program not only saves energy through advanced technologies to improve the energy affordability for low-income families, but also saves lives and improves the health and safety of families by identifying carbon monoxide hazards, poor indoor air quality, mold, and other health threats; and,
- Whereas,** it is important to recognize the importance of this program that ensures that all residents, especially those living at or below the federal poverty level, have the



opportunity to live in energy efficient, healthy, safe, and comfortable homes as provided for by the Weatherization Assistance Program;

Now, Therefore, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the **Riverside County Board of Supervisors** does hereby proclaim October, 2010 as **“WEATHERIZATION MONTH”** in the **County of Riverside**.

