

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

501A



FROM: Office on Aging

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 28, 2011

SUBJECT: Proclamation to honor Georgia DeGroat Smith with the George Telisman Award.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors proclaim to honor Georgia DeGroat Smith with the George Telisman Award for her outstanding service to the elderly, adults with disabilities, caregivers and her community.

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the George Telisman Memorial Award is to recognize individuals in Riverside County who have proved outstanding leadership and commitment to ensure the quality of life for Riverside County's elders and adults with disabilities. The Advisory Council George Telisman Award Subcommittee collected nominations from the Council and its partners and after a selection process and unanimous approval from the Advisory Council selected Georgia DeGroat Smith for the 2011 George Telisman Award recipient.

Departmental Concurrence

Edward F. Walsh

Edward F. Walsh, Director

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Lani Sioson*
Lani Sioson

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

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

PROCLAMATION

Honoring

Georgia DeGroat Smith

2011 George Telisman Award

WHEREAS, George Telisman stated "The humanistic model of serving the elderly recognizes the potentials of the individual instead of stressing the person's problems. It establishes the person with chronic conditions as the team leader and the professionals as team members."

WHEREAS, the Advisory Council on Aging and Office on Aging honors Georgia DeGroat Smith, with the prestigious George Telisman Award for Outstanding Service to the Elderly, Adults with Disabilities, Caregivers, and her Community; and

WHEREAS, Georgia DeGroat Smith is committed to providing improved access to services and supports for older adults with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Georgia DeGroat Smith has advocated tirelessly to reduce the stigma of mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Georgia DeGroat Smith partners with her local senior center and senior apartment complexes to educate seniors and others regarding the reality of mental illness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Georgia DeGroat Smith serves as a role model and a champion for older adults at state, regional, and local stakeholder meetings; and

WHEREAS, Georgia DeGroat Smith's philosophy emphasizes maximizing independence and self determination for the consumer rather than creating dependency or building reliance on service delivery systems; and

WHEREAS Georgia DeGroat Smith's relentless commitment and advocacy efforts is one that the Advisory Council on Aging and the Office on Aging embraces and supports and they cannot think of another person who has given of themselves as much or is more deserving an honor bestowed upon them;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby honor Georgia DeGroat Smith, recipient of the 2011 George Telisman Award and thanks her for her dedication and outstanding service to the residents of Riverside County. Thank you Georgia!

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First District

JEFF STONE
Third District

MARION ASHLEY
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