

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

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FROM: Department of Public Social Services, Department of Mental Health,
Community Health Agency, Riverside County Regional Medical Center,
Office on Aging

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Declare March 2012 as Social Worker Appreciation Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors declare March 2012 as Social Worker Appreciation Month in the County of Riverside and approve the attached proclamation.

BACKGROUND:

In Riverside County, there are over 879 Social Workers providing vital services to residents. Social Worker help people in all stages of life, from children to the elderly. By proclaiming March 2012 to be Social Worker Recognition Month, the Board of Supervisors continues a tradition and commitment to support the extraordinary efforts of social workers serving the communities in our county. This recognition will take place during the same month that the State of California and the Federal Government also recognize the social work profession.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	11/12

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Federal Funding: 0% State Funding: 0%; County Funding: 0%; Realignment Funding: 0%; Other Funding: 0%

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*
Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3/1/11 (2.13)

District: All

Agenda Number:

2.13

County Purchasing Department

Departmental Concurrence

County Counsel

*Social Worker Appreciation Month
March 2012*

WHEREAS social workers are committed to service in every facet of community life in schools, hospitals, mental health clinics, senior centers, elected office, private practices, prisons, military, corporations, and in numerous public and private agencies that serve individuals throughout their lifespan and families in need; and

WHEREAS, the business of social work is helping people help themselves, social workers are building on strengths for a better future every day by understanding and utilizing the strengths of people, guiding individuals and families they serve; thereby empowering people to help themselves; and

WHEREAS, social workers

- use their education, training, professional competence, and commitment to make a real difference in the lives of people; and
- save the community and taxpayer money in providing prevention and early intervention services that help individuals, families, and children cope with life issues; and
- maintain the highest degree of dedication and pursuit of social justice; and
- reflect a commitment to excellence and protection by advocating for others as they foster the values which demonstrate empathy, patience, regard for the quality of life; and
- guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and connect them with available resources; and
- have been the driving force behind important social movements in the United States and abroad.

Now, therefore, we, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, in recognition of professional social workers and all they do to increase the well-being of individuals and of society, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2012 as Social Worker Appreciation Month in the County of Riverside, California, and call upon members of the community to join with us in celebration and support of social workers and the social work profession.