

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

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**FROM:** Riverside County Regional Medical Center

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
February 15, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Proclaiming the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, in addition to supporting April 25, 2012 as "Wear Denim Day".

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, in addition to supporting April 25, 2012 as "Wear Denim Day".

**BACKGROUND:** Sexual assault is a serious problem profoundly affecting the physical, emotional, mental, and social well being of victims. April is nationally recognized as "Wear Denim Day" in recognition of efforts to dispel myths and injustices regarding sexual assault. With leadership and commitment, we believe we can work together with others to create short and long term solutions to the endemic problem of sexual violence in Riverside County and as the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to proclaim April 2012 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and April 25, 2012, as "Wear Denim Day".

Departmental Concurrence

*Douglas D. Bagley*

Douglas D. Bagley, Hospital Director

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

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	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**

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WHEREAS, sexual assault is an intolerable violent crime with public health implications for every person in Riverside County as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own-we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victim/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victim survivors; and

WHEREAS, ending sexual assault in Riverside County must include active public and private efforts to Speak Out Against Sexual Violence in collaboration with Riverside County Regional Medical Center, District Attorney, and Department of Social Services, including conversation of what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, and how to help survivors connect with crucial counseling and other support services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of sexual assault programs in Riverside county work year round to encourage every person in Riverside County to Speak Out Against Sexual Violence and to support survivors by providing education and survivor empowerment information to schools, churches, civic organizations, as well as medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding sexual assault issues;

WHEREAS, Riverside County has set an important example of how forging collaborative relationships between service agencies and organizations serves to improve the quality of service for those most profoundly and directly impacted by sexual violence, thus setting an important example for how the rest of the community might work together to speak out and find solutions to sexual violence;

WHEREAS, Riverside County requests public support and assistance as it continues its efforts to bring real hope for freeing Riverside County from the tragedy of sexual violence to create a future where all women, men, and children can live free from violence and exploitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of April as SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH, and proclaim April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as Denim Day, in recognition of efforts to dispel myths and injustices regarding sexual assault, in Riverside County and commend this observance to all citizens.