

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



FROM: Supervisor John J. Benoit

SUBMITTAL DATE: April 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Resolution 2012-116 in Support of California State Senate Bill 991 (Runner and Wright)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution 2012-116 in support of California State Senate Bill 991 (Runner and Wright)

BACKGROUND:

Existing law provides that a marriage may be solemnized by authorized persons of any religious denomination, by specified legislators, constitutional officers, and California Members of Congress, while those persons are currently holding that office, by specified justices, judges, and magistrates, both current and retired, by the county clerk, and by an elected city mayor, as specified.

This bill would additionally authorize a county supervisor to solemnize a marriage.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this resolution.

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John J. Benoit, Fourth District Supervisor

Dep't Recomm.:
 Consent

Per Exec. Ofc.:
 Consent

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 4

Agenda Number:

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1 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-116**

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4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
5 ENDORSING CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE BILL 991 (RUNNER AND WRIGHT)**

6 **WHEREAS**, Existing law provides that a marriage may be solemnized by authorized persons
7 of any religious denomination, by specified legislators, constitutional officers, and California
8 members of Congress, while those persons are currently holding that office, by specified
9 justices, judges, and magistrates, both current and retired, by the county clerk, and by an
10 elected city mayor, as specified; and

11 **WHEREAS**, county supervisors represent large constituencies, in some cases, larger in area
12 and/or population than local congressional or legislative districts; and

13 **WHEREAS**, county supervisors hold a critically important position in local government. They
14 are highly visible members of their communities and are frequently invited to attend and
15 participate in all manner of local events. Often, they are asked to perform marriage
16 ceremonies, but due to current law, are unable to do so; and

17 **WHEREAS**, county supervisors, not unlike the elected officials currently authorized to
18 solemnize marriages, would welcome being given the authority to solemnize the marriages of
19 constituents, friends, and family; and

20 **WHEREAS**, SB 991 would additionally authorize a county supervisor to solemnize a marriage;
21 and

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by adoption of this resolution, the Board of
23 Supervisors of the County of Riverside hereby declares support for California Senate Bill 991
24 (Runner and Wright).
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