

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

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**FROM:** Department of Mental Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**

April 5, 2012

**SUBJECT:** California Friday Night Live (FNL) Month Proclamation  
All Districts

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of April 2012 as California Friday Night Live Month.

Departmental Concurrence

**BACKGROUND:** The California Friday Night Live (FNL) program was developed in 1984 as the model program for California, and was designed to reduce alcohol use and other problems among youth by building partnerships for positive healthy youth development. During the first years of the FNL program, the concentration was based upon high school based student groups. By 1990, the number of Counties with the California FNL program had increased, and the main focus of the program began to promote healthy lifestyles free of alcohol, tobacco, and/or other drugs (ATOD).  
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*Jerry Wengerd*  
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Jerry Wengerd, Director  
Department of Mental Health

**FINANCIAL  
DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2011/12

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** N/A

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

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

**County Executive Office Signature**

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*  
Debra Cournoyer

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dept Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:**

**District:** All

**Agenda Number:**

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**SUBJECT:** California Friday Night Live (FNL) Month Proclamation

**BACKGROUND: (continued)**

As a result of the overwhelming success of FNL, a middle/junior high school component was developed named Club Live (CL). In addition, in 1990, the FNL Kids Program, which focuses on youth in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades, began. By 1994, 48 California counties have also implemented the CL program and/or the FNL Kids program. The FNL chapter locations had also broadened from school campus-based programs to recreation facilities, housing projects, youth centers, and youth in detention centers, reaching nearly one million youth throughout California.

Currently, the FNL program is active in 54 out of 58 counties in California. Riverside County has the largest FNL program in the State with 109 chapters active throughout Riverside County. Therefore, the Riverside County Department of Mental Health is requesting that the Riverside county Board of Supervisors proclaim April as California Friday Night Live Month.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM  
California Friday Night Live Month**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** The California Friday Night Live program was developed in Sacramento in 1984 as the model program for the State of California and was designed to reduce alcohol use and other problems among young people by building partnerships for positive and healthy youth development which engage youth as active leaders and resources in their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Participants in Friday Night Live programs will be afforded opportunities for leadership and advocacy that include decision-making and governance, learning to express their opinions constructively, and taking action on issues or projects they care about outside the program, in their community or school; and

**WHEREAS,** Youth in Friday Night Live programs will also experience opportunities to build caring and meaningful relationships with peers and adults that include learning about their peers and building relationships with them, guidance from caring adult staff, and feeling supported by others in the program, as well as having practical program needs met, while enjoying a sense of belonging to the group; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, Youth in Friday Night Live programs will experience opportunities to engage in interesting and relevant skill development activities that will better prepare them for the challenges they may face and to develop healthy personal attitudes and behaviors related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, violence prevention, and academic completion by fostering learning; and

**WHEREAS,** During the month of April 2012, over 600 youth will implement more than 50 Town Hall Meetings in counties throughout the State of California, in order to reduce underage drinking by mobilizing their communities with a unified call to action; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Riverside does hereby proclaim April 2012, as **CALIFORNIA FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MONTH**, and applauds and thanks the leadership, staff, and volunteers who are committed to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.