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



**FROM:** Department of Mental Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 12, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation for "May is Mental Health Month"

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors Proclaim "May is Mental Health Month".

**BACKGROUND:** Mental Health America, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and their national partners observe Mental Health Month each May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health issues. Each year the Department of Mental Health requests a proclamation of "May is Mental Health Month" in Riverside County to focus attention on the pervasiveness of mental illness and to raise public awareness of mental health, mental illness, and the need for appropriate, accessible services for all people with mental illness specifically in Riverside County.

Departmental Concurrence

JW/AMF

Maria T. Mabey, Asst. Director for Jerry Wengerd, Director of Mental Health

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current F.Y. Total Cost:</b>	\$ 0	<b>In Current Year Budget:</b>	n/a
	<b>Current F.Y. Net County Cost:</b>	\$ 0	<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	n/a
	<b>Annual Net County Cost:</b>	\$ 0	<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	11/12

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 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:   
Dobra Cournoyer

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

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

**PROCLAMATION 2012**  
**“MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH”**

**WHEREAS**, mental illness can impact anyone, regardless of age, background, employment, education and income level; and

**WHEREAS**, mental illness usually strikes individuals in the prime of their lives, often during adolescence and young adulthood, although the very young and the elderly are especially vulnerable; and

**WHEREAS**, many treatments for serious mental illnesses, in combination with treatment and recovery supports, are highly effective, allowing people to maintain their quality of life and their involvement with their families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Mental Health reports that one in four adults – approximately 57.7 million Americans - experience a mental health disorder in a given year; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Surgeon General reports that 10 percent of children and adolescents in the United States suffer from serious emotional and mental disorders that cause significant functional impairment and that half of all Americans experience a mental disorder at some time in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, recent population data suggest that nearly 140,000 people of all ages in Riverside County may be impacted by serious mental illness and may seek treatment from a variety of community resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health America has promoted the observance of “May is Mental Health Month” since 1949 in order to increase awareness and understanding of mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Riverside County Mental Health Board is presenting “Live Life Well”, a mental health fair on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Fairmont Park in Riverside in support of the May is Mental Health Month observance; and

**WHEREAS**, encouraging awareness of mental health issues and promoting wellness and recovery for those with mental health needs are important values for every community;

**THEREFORE, WE**, the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim “May Is Mental Health Month” in Riverside County. We also call upon all Riverside County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions to signify its support of greater awareness of mental health issues and joins with the Riverside County Mental Health Board in its observance of May is Mental Health Month.