

**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, District Attorney's Office, Office on Aging, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, and Riverside County Sheriff's Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 01, 2012

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring the Month of May 2012 to be Elder Abuse Awareness Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 2012 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in the County of Riverside and approve the attached proclamation.

BACKGROUND:

Elder abuse and neglect is a serious and growing problem across the nation, with the majority of victims being elders 75 years of age or older. Between 1 and 2 million Americans, age 65 or older have been injured, exploited or mistreated by someone on whom they depended for care or protection. Yet, it is estimated that as few as one in five elder abuse cases are actually reported to authorities.

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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:	11/12

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:
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County Executive Office Signature

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The United States Census Bureau projects that California's elderly population will more than double within the next 30 years—from 6.4 million to nearly 13 million individuals, largely due to the aging of the Baby Boomers (persons born between 1946 and 1964). California has ranked first in the nation as having the highest number of elderly residents 60 years of age or older, from 2000 to 2030. In 2010 the elderly population (60 or older) was comprised of 14% of the total population in Riverside County. This is expected to increase to 20% in 2040, so that 1 in 5 of the population will be 60 or older.

With a strong commitment to partnership in our community, Riverside County can continue to lead the effort to prevent, investigate, treat and prosecute cases of elder abuse in our jurisdiction. In support of these efforts and to increase community awareness of these issues, we join in asking the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to proclaim May 2012 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

ATTACHMENT: Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation

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**ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 more than 8,200 reports of abuse against the elderly were received by Riverside County Adult Protective Services;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that as few as one in five elder abuse cases are actually reported;

WHEREAS, our elderly population has greatly influenced and shaped today's world, yet are often vulnerable to abuse and neglect and may be unable to prevent, seek protection from or report criminal elder abuse;

WHEREAS, today there is a system of collaboration among the Department of Public Social Services-Adult Services Division, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and local police departments, the District Attorney, the Riverside County Regional Medical Center, the Office on Aging- Long Term Care Ombudsman, the Department of Mental Health- Offices of the Public Guardian-Conservator, and many community services partners to prevent abuse, protect victims, and prosecute offenders who abuse our elderly;

WHEREAS, Riverside County is a leader in the State of California in assisting our vulnerable elderly citizens through education, advocacy and collaboration on abuse issues;

WHEREAS, we, as one community, come together each year to rededicate ourselves to providing a safety net to keep our elderly citizens safe from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be known that the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby proclaim the month of May 2012 to be ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH, and encourages all citizens of Riverside County to join them in this observance.

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