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



FROM : Office on Aging

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 3, 2012

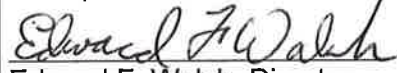
SUBJECT: Proclaim May 2012 as Older Americans Month in Riverside County


RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of May 2012 as Older Americans Month in Riverside County and approve the attached proclamation.

BACKGROUND:


Each year May is proclaimed Older Americans Month across the Country and is a time set aside to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for them. Our efforts can improve the lives of our older adults and help pave the way for future generations. This year's Administration on Aging (AoA) National theme *Never Too Old to Play* reflects our continued focus on efforts to help older adults have a better quality of life as they age.


Departmental Concurrence


Edward F. Walsh, Director
Office on Aging

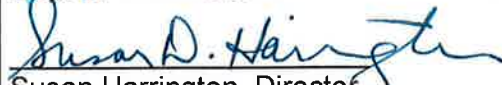

Maria Y. Juarez, Director
Community Action Agency


Bill Earl, Director
Veterans Services


Jerry Wengerd, Director
Dept of Mental Health

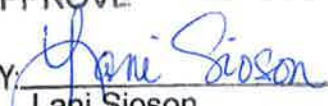

Douglas D. Bagley, CEO
RCRMC


Susan Loew, Director
Dept of Public Social Services


Susan Harrington, Director
Dept of Public Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	NA
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NA
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	

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: 
Lani Sioson

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Consent
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Dept't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Older Americans Month May 2012
Older Americans: Never Too Old to Play.

Whereas, the older adults in Riverside County are the roots from which our community grows, who bestow gifts of wisdom and insight upon younger generations, and strengthen the bonds between neighbors to create a better place to live; and

Whereas, the 2000 population for 60+ was 251,127, 2010 population is 357,560, and the 2020 projection is 464,726. So that is an increase of 42% between 2000 and 2010, and an increase of 85% between 2000 and 2020; and

Whereas, the fruits of knowledge and experience can be effectively transferred from generation to generation through meaningful social interactions; and

Whereas, the older adults in Riverside County should be commended for their role in creating and bolstering the fiber of our community and nation; and

Whereas, our community can provide that recognition and respect by enriching the quality of life for older Americans by:

- Increasing their opportunities to remain in their communities as active and engaged citizens
- Providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow seniors to foster and maintain connections within the community
- Emphasizing the value of elders by publically recognizing their contributions to the diversity, strength, and unity of our community

Now Therefore, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim May 2012 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every citizen to take time to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for many of them. Our recognition and involvement of older Americans can enrich our entire community's quality of life.