

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

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FROM: Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Proclamation to honor National Archives Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors recognize and honor October 2012 as Riverside County Archives Month

BACKGROUND:

Various public and private institutions in the United States promote the importance of archives during the month of October. Public recognition underscores the significance of the preservation of records of enduring value and the availability of these records to the public.

The Riverside County Archives Commission serves as an advocate not only for the programs and services provided by the Robert J. Fitch Archives, but for all repositories of historical records within the county. One of the main goals of the commission and the archives program is to promote the protection and long-term preservation of these unique materials. Improving public access to historical records, particularly those created by Riverside County government over the past 119 years, makes these valuable resources readily available to staff, students, and other researchers. Relating the unique story of Riverside County through the historical records maintained by the Robert J. Fitch Archives helps to build stronger communities and an informed citizenry.

Larry Ward

Larry Ward, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	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: *Karen L. Johnson*

Karen L. Johnson

County Executive Office Signature

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: District: Agenda Number: **2.11**

2012 Archives Month Resolution

Proclamation honoring National Archives Month October, 2012

WHEREAS, the right of the public to know how their government functions is a fundamental principle of a free and democratic society; and

WHEREAS, government archives maintain the records that protect individual rights to property and identity; and

WHEREAS, professional archivists play a key role in ensuring that these essential documents are preserved and made available to the public; and

WHEREAS, these historical records strengthen our collective memory, allowing the study of the past to influence the present; and

WHEREAS, the Robert J. Fitch Archives for the County of Riverside was established in 2008 and continues to serve as a public repository for the long-term preservation of the County's historical records; and

WHEREAS, the Robert J. Fitch Archives makes these important documents available to researchers and students so they may better understand past decisions and events in Riverside County's history; and

WHEREAS, archival programs throughout the country are recognized for their contributions as keepers of the past during the month of October;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Riverside County Board of Supervisors do hereby declare the month of October, 2012, as **RIVERSIDE COUNTY ARCHIVES MONTH** and encourages the people of Riverside County to support and use the archival resources available throughout the County.