

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

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**FROM: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
December 18, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation declaring December 21, 2012 as the National Memorial Day for the Homeless in Riverside County

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

That the Board of Supervisors proclaim December 21, 2012 as the National Memorial Day for the Homeless in Riverside County and approve the attached proclamation.

Departmental Concurrence

*Jerry Wengerd*  
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Jerry Wengerd, Director  
Department of Mental Health

*Susan Loew*  
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Susan Loew, Director  
Department of Public Social Services

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| <b>FINANCIAL DATA</b> | 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:        | 12-13 |

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| <b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> | <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  
BY: *Debra Cournoyer*  
Debra Cournoyer

**County Executive Office Signature**

- Policy
- Consent
- Policy
- Consent

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

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Since 1990, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council sponsor a national day of recognition every year to bring attention to the tragedy of homelessness and to remember those who have died while homeless.

A federal resolution (H. Con. Res. 325) has been introduced in the United States House of Representatives supporting the goals and ideals of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. The resolution encourages localities and states to issue proclamations designating National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. This resolution was introduced by U.S. Rep. Alcee Hastings and fifteen additional co-sponsors.

By proclaiming December 21<sup>st</sup>, the first day of winter, the longest night of the year, as the National Memorial Day for the Homeless in Riverside County, the Board of Supervisors joins hundreds of American communities raising awareness of the perils of homelessness and memorializing those who have lost their lives while homeless.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** National Memorial Day of the Homeless in Riverside County Proclamation

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## Proclamation

### Recognizing December 21, 2012 as National Memorial Day for Persons in Homelessness

WHEREAS the first day of winter, which is also the longest night of the year, has been designated by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council as a national day of recognition to bring attention to the tragedy of homelessness and to remember those who have died while homeless; and

WHEREAS more than 152 cities and counties across the nation participated in a national day of recognition in 2011; and

WHEREAS there are an estimated 6,203 homeless people in the County of Riverside staying in temporary shelters or living unsheltered on the streets; and

WHEREAS an untold number of homeless families are living with relatives or friends and an increasing percentage of homeless individuals are without any shelter; and

WHEREAS, homelessness is a symptom of complex issues in peoples lives such as chronic or episodic mental illness, domestic violence, addiction or the inability to find meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, homeless persons in the County of Riverside includes men, women, children, families and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside through the Continuum of Care continues to pursue the development of housing and supportive services to assist homeless individuals and families throughout the county;

NOW THEREFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, does hereby proclaim December 21, 2012 as National Memorial Day for Persons in Homelessness in the County of Riverside and encourage residents to take a moment of silence at 5:00 pm on this day to acknowledge the homeless in our communities who are struggling and those who have died on the streets without a home.

ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2012

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**JOHN F. TAVAGLIONE**  
Second District

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**BOB BUSTER**  
First District

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**JOHN J. BENOIT**  
Fourth District

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**JEFF STONE**  
Third District

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**MARION ASHLEY**  
Fifth District