

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

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**FROM :** Office on Aging

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
March 29, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Proclaim May 2011 as Older Americans Month in Riverside County

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of May 2011 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 *Older Americans: Connecting the Community* reflects our continued focus on efforts to help older adults have a better quality of life as they age.

Departmental Concurrence

*Edward F. Walsh*  
Edward F. Walsh, Director  
Office on Aging

*Maria Y. Juarez*  
Maria Y. Juarez, Director  
Community Action Partnership

*Bill Earl*  
Bill Earl, Director  
Veterans Services

*Jerry Wengert*  
Jerry Wengert, Director  
Dept of Mental Health

*Douglas D. Bagley*  
Douglas D. Bagley, CEO  
RCRMC

*Susan Loew*  
Susan Loew, Director  
Dept of Public Social Service

*Susan D. Harrington*  
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:	10/11

<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: *Jeani Sioson*  
Lani Sioson

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: May 17, 2011  
xc: Office on Aging, Mental Health, Veterans, RCRMC, DPSS, Public Health, E.O., CAP

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By: *Susan Harrington*  
Deputy

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

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:**

**District:** All

**Agenda Number:**

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**Older Americans Month May 2011**  
*Older Americans: Connecting the Community.*

**Whereas**, Riverside County is a community whose population age 60 and over has increased by 26.5 % since 2000 to include more than 317,000 older adults and is projected to increase by another 85% by the year 2020 to include more than 464,000 older adults; and

**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**, our society can be enhanced by older adults aging peacefully in their communities; 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 2011 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.