

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

826A



**FROM:** Department of Mental Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
August 20, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Recovery Happens Month

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors proclaim September 2012 as Substance Abuse "Recovery Happens Month."

**BACKGROUND:** Since 1994, the Riverside County Department of Mental Health's (RCDMH) Substance Abuse Program has requested that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors recognize its annual celebration called "Recovery Happens Month". This annual event celebrates individual recovery, and promotes the success of California's diverse substance abuse prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery programs. Recovery Happens Month also recognizes the extraordinary achievements of those individuals and their families in recovery. This year's theme for the Riverside Recovery Happens Month is "RECOVERY HAPPENS-You Want It We Got It", and the theme for the Desert Recovery Happens Month is "CELEBRATE HEALTHY FAMILIES-Protect Our Children... A Recovery Happens Event." (Continued on page 2).

Departmental Concurrence

JW:CW:SL

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

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	N/A	For Fiscal Year:	2012/2013

<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: *Debra Cournoyer*  
Debra Cournoyer

- Policy
- Consent
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- Consent

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Benoit and Ashley  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Stone  
 Date: August 28, 2012  
 xc: Mental Health, E.O.

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

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

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**SUBJECT:** Recovery Happens Month

**BACKGROUND (CONT'D):**

Recovery Happens Month has been instrumental in enhancing the community's knowledge of the problematic use of alcohol and other drugs in California. Therefore, the RCDMH, Substance Abuse Program requests the Board of Supervisors formally recognize and proclaim September 2012 as the eighteenth annual Riverside County "Recovery Happens Month".

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

No County funds are required.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

PROCLAMATION

**"RECOVERY HAPPENS MONTH"**

**WHEREAS**, celebrating individuals in substance abuse recovery and recognizing the achievement of those individuals and their families helps educate our community about the benefits of treatment, and affirms that substance use disorders are treatable, and builds a stronger, healthier community; and

**WHEREAS**, successful completion of substance abuse treatment and recovery programs reduces: unnecessary county health care costs; lost productivity; the number of people incarcerated; street and gang violence; school dropout rates; crime; recidivism; the burden on law enforcement; and the financial drain on our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, substance abuse treatment improves the quality of life for individuals, families and society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, Riverside County Department of Mental Health Substance Abuse Program welcomes and supports individuals and their families in all stages of recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of individuals are now living clean and sober, productive, responsible lives as a result of substance abuse treatment and recovery services in The County of Riverside; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors demonstrates its continued support and commitment to substance abuse treatment and recovery, and does hereby proclaim the month of September 2012, "Recovery Happens Month".