

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors _____

BOARD AGENDA# *A-4 _____

Urgent _____ Routine X _____

AGENDA DATE April 24, 2001 _____

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES X NO _____
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO X _____

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF A COMMENDATION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN STANISLAUS COUNTY AND APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM THE HAVEN WOMEN'S CENTER FOR USE OF THE COURTHOUSE LAWN REGARDING SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH ON APRIL 25, 2001

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. APPROVE COMMENDATION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN STANISLAUS COUNTY AND APPROVE REQUEST FROM THE HAVEN WOMEN'S CENTER FOR USE OF THE COURTHOUSE LAWN REGARDING SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2001
2. REQUIRE THE HAVEN WOMEN'S CENTER TO HAVE \$1 MILLION INSURANCE POLICY NAMING THE COUNTY AS CO-INSURED
3. WAIVE ALL FEES
4. REQUIRE ALL PARTICIPANTS TO SIGN THE HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
5. REQUIRE THE HAVEN WOMEN'S CENTER TO LEAVE THE LAWN AREA IN THE SAME CONDITION IT WAS FOUND

FISCAL IMPACT:

NONE

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-278

On motion of Supervisor Simon _____, Seconded by Supervisor Mayfield _____

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul _____

Noes: Supervisors: None _____

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Blom _____

Abstaining: Supervisor: None _____

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

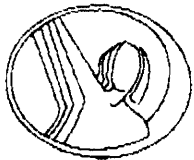
3) _____ Approved as amended

Motion:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Christine Ferraro Deputy

File No.



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Throughout California and across the United States, people recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Rape Crisis Centers throughout the nation agreed upon this month at a meeting of the membership of the National Coalition Against Sexual Assault in the late 1980's in order to be coordinated at a nationwide level to educate and promote understanding about sexual assault and it's prevention.

The purpose of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to increase the public's understanding about sexual violence in our society. This effort can help our community support rape and sexual assault survivors, and their families, as well as the individuals and agencies that provide rape crisis intervention and prevention services throughout the year.

Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus would like to host an event to bring increased awareness to the community. Our program will include marching from our office to the grassy area next to the courthouse. Upon arrival we will have various speakers and an information table. We believe that this will increase awareness about sexual assault in our community and the resources that are available to those impacted by this violence. It is our goal to hold this event on Wednesday, April 25th. We will need to set up a microphone and table at approximately 10:30, and will begin the march at 11:30 with speakers running from noon to 1:30.





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April 9, 2001

Supervisor Pat Paul
Modesto, California

Dear Supervisor Paul,

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month in California and across the United States. This special month provides an excellent opportunity for our city to promote greater understanding about sexual violence in our community. This year's theme is "Speak Out Against Sexual Violence".

Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus requests that you sponsor an official proclamation to recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Stanislaus County, California. This proclamation would support our work to provide crucial service to sexual assault survivors and their families. It would also emphasize your personal commitment to ensure that those who commit sexually violent offenses are held accountable for their crimes.

Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus would be honored to have you present your proclamation at our Sexual Assault Awareness Month event on Wednesday, April 25th, noon on the lawn area next the courthouse.

I hope you will consider this important request. I am enclosing a sample proclamation which may help you draft an appropriate one for Stanislaus County. Please contact me if you have any questions about Sexual Assault Awareness Month. I appreciate your efforts to end rape and sexual assault.

Sincerely,

Paula Harter
Interim Executive Director

Enc: sample proclamation



Sample Proclamation

As (city/county) works to end the many forms of violence in our city, we must acknowledge the reality that sexual violence is among them. Rape and sexual assault profoundly impact the lives of every person in our community, either directly or indirectly.

We recognize the important role rape survivors have in increasing our understanding of sexual violence so that we may prevent sexual assault in our society. We also recognize the importance of involving all community members--of all ages, ethnicities, socio-economic statuses, religions, and backgrounds--in the work to end rape and sexual assault. As citizens of (city/county), it is our responsibility to support rape survivors by treating them with dignity and respect. It is also crucially important to hold perpetrators responsible for sexual attacks, and to prevent sexual violence at every opportunity.

Through public and private efforts, we are making great strides in our endeavors to end rape and sexual assault in California and throughout the country. Over recent years, we have seen an increase in funding for rape crisis intervention and prevention programs; collaborative efforts among medical, legal, and social service agencies to help sexual assault victims and to aid in the prosecution of perpetrators; and additional research about the prevalence of sexual violence in our society.

We recognize all those who work, often as volunteers, on behalf of rape survivors and their families. We acknowledge the many law enforcement officers, prosecutors, counselors, corrections officers, physicians, and health care professionals whose dedication and service to rape victims has helped them.

I hereby proclaim, henceforth, that April is designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month in (city/county). I urge the citizens of (city/county) to commit to taking action against rape and sexual assault during this month and throughout the year to ensure that sexual violence stops.

(Mayor's Signature)

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County works to end the many forms of violence in our county, we must acknowledge the reality that sexual violence is among them, and rape and sexual assault profoundly impact the lives of every person in our communities, either directly or indirectly; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the important role rape survivors have in increasing our understanding of sexual violence so that we may prevent sexual assault in our society, and we also recognize the importance of involving all community members in the work to end rape and sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, as citizens of Stanislaus County, it is our responsibility to support rape survivors by treating them with dignity and respect, and it is also crucially important to hold perpetrators responsible for sexual attacks, and to prevent sexual violence at every opportunity; and,

WHEREAS, through public and private efforts, we are making great strides in our endeavors to end rape and sexual assault in California and throughout the country, and over recent years, we have seen an increase in funding for rape crisis intervention and prevention programs, collaborative efforts among medical, legal, and social service agencies to help sexual assault victims and to aid in the prosecution of perpetrators, and additional research about the prevalence of sexual violence in our society; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize all those who work, often as volunteers, on behalf of rape survivors and their families, and we acknowledge the many law enforcement officers, prosecutors, counselors, corrections officers, physicians, and health care professionals whose dedication and service to rape victims has helped them,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim that April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Stanislaus County, and urges its citizens to commit to taking action against rape and sexual assault during this month and throughout the year to ensure that sexual violence stops.

Upon motion by Supervisor Simon, seconded by Supervisor Mayfield, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted this 24th day of April, 2001.

Bob Baul

John Mayfield

Nick W. Blay

Tom Simon

Paul Caruso