

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

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA# *A-2a

Urgent _____ Routine X

AGENDA DATE September 18, 2001

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

4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO X

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL TO PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 17-21, 2001 AS LAWSUIT ABUSE
AWARENESS WEEK IN STANISLAUS COUNTY

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 17-21, 2001 AS LAWSUIT ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK IN
STANISLAUS COUNTY

FISCAL IMPACT:

NONE

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-667

On motion of Supervisor Simon , Seconded by Supervisor Caruso

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Mayfield

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

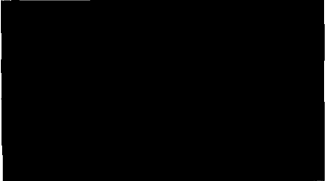
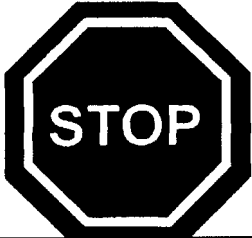
3) _____ Approved as amended

MOTION:

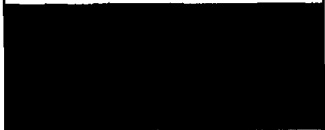
ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Christine Ferraro
Deputy

File No.



CENTRAL CALIFORNIA



Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse

The Honorable Pat Paul
County Board of Supervisors
1010 10th Street, Ste. 6500
Modesto, CA 95354

August 19, 2001

Dear Chairman Paul,

We would like to take this opportunity to invite the County Board of Supervisors of Stanislaus to join our nearly 4,000 supporters in the Sacramento region and throughout the Central Valley in increasing public attention with respect to the issue of lawsuit abuse. Our goal is to raise awareness of frivolous suits and their effects on our schools and our governments, as well as the need for more citizens participate in jury service when called.

We respectfully request that a proclamation declaring **September 17-21, 2001 as Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week** be issued by your office. Enclosed is a sample proclamation for your review. Copy of the resolution can also be sent via email if that would be more convenient.

Stanislaus has been kind enough in the past to support CCCALA's effort to recognize Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week and/or Juror Appreciation Week. Your office's continued support would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, if appropriate we would be pleased to issue a release proclaiming your support and our appreciation.

We are offering public service announcements to local television and radio stations to augment our efforts and plan additional public activities to generate media attention to this important week.

We hope you will support our efforts to stop lawsuit abuse. Should you have questions concerning Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week, or our organization, please do not hesitate to contact us at 916-638-8995. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ysiano
CCCALA Board Member
Chair, Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Sample Proclamation Text)

WHEREAS, the United States of America has been the worldwide symbol of individual liberty and a beacon of hope and opportunity for more than two centuries; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental principle of ordered liberty forms the foundation of all the laws that govern us; and

WHEREAS, our Constitution and the Bill of Rights embody this principle and preserve our uniquely American liberties, such as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of petition and due process of law, and right to a trial by a jury of our peers; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that justice for legitimate victims should not be delayed due to meritless and frivolous litigation which serves only to clog our courts; and

WHEREAS, abuse of the legal system (lawsuit abuse) is a plague upon our justice system and our economy that carries a cost of \$1,200 for each and every American citizen, costs jobs and cripples small businesses; and

WHEREAS, frivolous and abusive lawsuits against our communities raise our taxes, close parks and swimming pools, take police of the street and drain valuable resources from our schools; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon all members of the legal profession and our elected leaders to protect California consumers, businesses and families by seeking sensible reforms which will discourage the filing of frivolous lawsuits, reducing the exorbitant costs of litigation in California, restrain the prospects for arbitrary and unjust awards, and protect legitimate victims against unfair and outrageous contingency fees; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson described the jury as the only anchor ever yet imagined by man by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution and is the ultimate safeguard of our constitutional right, therefore all citizens should serve on a jury when called; and

WHEREAS, our legal system exists to make victims whole, not rich, and should be used only in the interests of fairness, not greed, and

WHEREAS, an important and enduring part of the movement to restore fairness and balance to our civil justice system, and to encourage more citizens to safeguard the justice system by serving on a jury when called, is the dedicated work of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (CALA); and

WHEREAS, with more than 30,000 supporters and six CALA groups statewide, CALA's mission is to educate the public about the human and financial costs of lawsuit abuse and thereby create a climate for change,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (NAME AND TITLE), do hereby proclaim the week of September 17-21, 2001 as "Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week" and encourage all citizens to support fundamental reforms to safeguard and improve our civil justice system.