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

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA # \*A-6a

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE May 6, 2008

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Proclamation of the Week of May 11 – 18, 2008 as AmeriCorps Week in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim the Week of May 11 - 18, 2008 as AmeriCorps Week.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-308

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Grover

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Christine Ferraro  
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

**DISCUSSION:**

Sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps Week is a nationwide event designed to bring more Americans into service, salute AmeriCorps members and alumni for their powerful impact, and thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible. 2008 marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual AmeriCorps Week nationwide.

AmeriCorps Week provides an opportunity for AmeriCorps members, alumni, grantees, program partners, and friends to shine a spotlight on the work done by members in communities across the country—and to motivate more Americans to join AmeriCorps or volunteer in their communities.

AmeriCorps provides opportunities for 75,000 Americans to give back in an intensive way to their communities and country each year. It consists of three main programs: AmeriCorps State and National, whose members serve with more than 2,600 national and local nonprofit and community groups; AmeriCorps VISTA, through which members serve full time fighting poverty; and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a team-based residential program for young adults 18-24 who carry out projects in public safety, the environment, youth development, and disaster relief and preparedness.

AmeriCorps members do a wide range of things: They recruit, train, and supervise community volunteers, tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, help communities respond to disasters, and build the capacity of nonprofit groups to become self-sustaining, among many other activities.

In exchange for a year of full-time service, members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of \$4,725 that can be used to pay for college or graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans. Awards are pro-rated for part-time service. Some members also receive a living allowance and health care.

In Stanislaus County, AmeriCorps members serve in many capacities: in education, social services, volunteer recruitment, family services and support, and child development.

Specifically, since 2005 the Community Services Agency has partnered with California Volunteers, Prevent Child Abuse California, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services, Center for Human Services, and Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children to bring AmeriCorps members to the forefront in our agency's commitment to both lower the risk of child abuse and neglect, and prevent the recurrence of maltreatment in children across our county. In this capacity, AmeriCorps members provide services and support to families as Family Advocates and Parent Mentors. In the 3-½ years since the programs inception, AmeriCorps members have provided over 48,000 hours of service at their host sites, supporting the Family Resource Centers and programs within the Community Services Agency to strengthen the capacity and enable children and families to become healthier and self-sufficient.

The Community Services Agency is recommending that May 11 – 18, 2008 be proclaimed AmeriCorps Week in Stanislaus County

**POLICY ISSUE:**

Proclaiming May 11 – 18, 2008 as AmeriCorps Week in Stanislaus County promotes community awareness of service opportunities and support available to children and families, and confirms the Agency's effort to meet the Board's priority of ensuring a safe community.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Noes: Supervisors: None  
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None  
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

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**Stanislaus County Board Of Supervisors  
Proclaiming the Week of May 11 - 18, 2008 as AmeriCorps Week in Stanislaus County**

WHEREAS the AmeriCorps national service program, since its inception in 1994, has proven to be an effective way to engage Americans in service to the Nation that meets a wide range of local and national needs and promotes the ethic of service and volunteerism;

WHEREAS the AmeriCorps program, working closely with its Nationwide network of Governor-appointed state service commissions, has strengthened America's nonprofit sector community nonprofit groups, in every State in our Nation;

WHEREAS the AmeriCorps program in Stanislaus County has leveraged additional funds and in-kind donations from other sources to further service and volunteerism in our community;

WHEREAS each year AmeriCorps provides opportunities for citizens in Stanislaus County to serve in and work to improve families health and well-being;

WHEREAS those same individuals have each provided 1700 hours in service per year to Stanislaus County, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable children and adults;

WHEREAS AmeriCorps members serving through a partnership with the Community Services Agency, in return for their service, have earned nearly \$125,000 to further their own education at our colleges and universities;

WHEREAS AmeriCorps members, after their terms of service end, remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, case managers and nonprofit professionals; and

WHEREAS the National AmeriCorps Week, May 11-18, 2008, is an opportune time for the people to recognize current and former AmeriCorps members for their service; thank AmeriCorps' community partners who make the program possible; and bring more Americans into service:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, does hereby proclaim the May 11 – 18th, 2008 as AmeriCorps Week in Stanislaus County.

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk  
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,  
State of California

*Christine Ferraro*