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

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA # *A-5a

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE February 16, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Proclaim the Month of March 2010 as Social Worker Recognition Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim the Month of March 2010 as Social Worker Recognition Month.

Contact Person: Christine Ferraro Tallman

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-077

On motion of Supervisor DeMartini, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

Historically, the month of March has been declared as Social Work Month. We ask the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors to declare March 2010 as Social Work Month in Stanislaus County to recognize the following:

- Social Work Month was initiated in 1962 by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) as a time to honor Social Workers.
- Social Workers provide services in behavioral health settings, hospitals, schools, foster family and adoption agencies, corrections, community organizations, child welfare, adult services and public assistance agencies.
- Social Workers are specialists in helping people. They provide assistance to families to improve relationships, promote self-sufficiency of the family as a whole, protect and support vulnerable residents and promote emotional health and social adjustment.
- Social Workers throughout Stanislaus County have been successful in building a better community. Thanks to their work, many citizens learn better ways to cope with and/or prevent anxiety, depression, substance abuse, the effects of HIV, domestic violence, emotional, physical and sexual abuse, and social and cultural conflict.
- Social Workers in the Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Health Services Agency continue to take pride in delivering services in a compassionate and culturally responsive manner.

Social Workers will be recognized throughout the month.

POLICY ISSUE:

Proclaiming March as Social Worker Recognition Month honors Social Workers' contributions to the Board's priority of ensuring *A healthy community*.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.

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WHEREAS, social workers are dedicated to the successful functioning of society in Stanislaus County;

WHEREAS, social workers inspire community action that improves life for all people;

WHEREAS, social workers have the right education and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices;

WHEREAS, social workers stand up for others to make sure everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections, and opportunities;

WHEREAS, social workers have been the driving force behind important social movements in the United States;

WHEREAS; social workers help resolve systemic issues that negatively affect community life;

WHEREAS, social workers believe there are no limits to human potential;

WHEREAS, social workers work through private practices, agencies and organizations, hospitals, the military, government, and educational institutions to provide resources and guidance that support social functioning;

WHEREAS, Social workers are on the frontlines, responding to such human needs as homelessness, poverty, family break-up , mental illness, physical and mental disability, substance abuse, domestic violence and many other issues.

WHEREAS, social workers make a wide range of social contributions throughout their careers;

WHEREAS a social work career is one filled with purpose and possibilities;

WHEREAS social workers help many individuals and families in Stanislaus County to lead more rewarding lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, hereby declare the month of March 2010 as SOCIAL WORKER RECOGNITION MONTH in Stanislaus County to honor these Social Workers for their competence and professionalism, their dedication to the highest ethical standards and their commitment to service to the citizens of Stanislaus County.