

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

DEPT: Aging & Veterans Services

BOARD AGENDA # *A-4b

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE April 20, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim May 2010 as Older Americans Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim May 2010 as Older Americans Month in Stanislaus County.
2. Issue a Resolution acknowledging the contributions of older persons in Stanislaus County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-200

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini

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:



ATTEST:

CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

In 1963, President John Kennedy designated the month of May as "Senior Citizens Month". In 1980, President Jimmy Carter renamed it "Older Americans Month" and as such, has become the tradition. Every President since John Kennedy has issued a formal proclamation for the month of May, asking the entire nation to pay tribute in some way to the older persons in their community.

A proclamation by the Board of Supervisors that the month of May is 'Older Americans Month' in Stanislaus County, and issuing a resolution acknowledging the contributions of older persons in Stanislaus County will pay respect to all senior citizens in Stanislaus County.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board of Supervisors in recognizing the importance of senior residents in Stanislaus County and the contributions they make to the county's quality of life promotes the Board of Supervisors' priority of *A healthy community*.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this request.

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**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
MAY 2010 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County is a community that includes 81,495 citizens aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Stanislaus County) are among of our most “treasured resources,” united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Stanislaus County deserve recognitions for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by:

- Increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life
- Providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Americans as they age
- Combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present, and future contributions

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors does hereby declare and proclaim that the month of May, 2010 be, and hereby is, celebrated as ‘ Older Americans Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board will participate by passing resolutions based on recommendation of the senior Awards Committee and presenting them to the five Outstanding Senior Award Winners at the May 18, 2010, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors’ meeting.