

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *A-5a

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE September 21, 2010

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim the Week of September 26, 2010 Through October 2, 2010 as Stanislaus County Diversity Awareness Week

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim the Week of September 26, 2010 through October 2, 2010 as Stanislaus County Diversity Awareness Week.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-579

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

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.

Approval to Proclaim the Week of September 26, 2010 through October 2, 2010 as Stanislaus County Diversity Awareness Week

DISCUSSION:

The Stanislaus County Equal Rights Commission is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the week of September 26, 2010 through October 2, 2010 as Diversity Awareness Week in Stanislaus County. This is the seventh year Stanislaus County has celebrated diversity in conjunction with other local activities including the International Heritage Festival scheduled for October 2, 2010 at the Gallo Center for the Arts. The theme adopted by the Equal Rights Commission for this year's celebration is "Cultural Communication."

Departments throughout the County have organized activities and displays acknowledging, celebrating, and increasing awareness of the various diverse cultures that make our County such a wonderful place to live. These Countywide events will also help us to educate both employees and the public.

At 10th Street Place, the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County have partnered together to celebrate cultures representing the world. The cultures being represented this year at 10th Street Place on various floors will be Asian, Assyrian, African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Portuguese.

County Departments have encouraged staff and connected with local clubs and organizations representing the various cultures of Stanislaus County to develop displays, food sampling, and other diversity awareness activities. Community Services Agency staff will create displays for the following countries and cultures Assyrian, African American, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Israel, Mexico, Russia, Scotland, and United States. The Alliance Worknet, Clerk Recorder, District Attorney, Health Services Agency, and Probation departments are all participating in Diversity Week with the exploration of various cultural culinary offerings and/or displays. The Library will create related book displays and host a booth at the International Heritage Festival.

The proclamation before the Board of Supervisors is included as Attachment A.

POLICY ISSUE:

Creating public awareness of the diversity of cultures in Stanislaus County addresses the Board of Supervisors' priorities of effective partnerships and strong agricultural economy/heritage.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item. Existing staff will coordinate Diversity Week.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 3, 2010 AS
DIVERSITY AWARENESS WEEK IN STANISLAUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County, in conjunction with the Stanislaus County Equal Rights Commission, is committed to celebrating the cultural diversity of our community; and,

WHEREAS, Each year Stanislaus County employees organize activities and prepare displays designed to acknowledge and heighten awareness of the diverse cultural backgrounds of our County's residents; and,

WHEREAS, Countywide events will be held both to educate and showcase the cultural diversity for Stanislaus County residents and County employees; and,

WHEREAS, Diversity Awareness Week is the beginning of the annual celebration of diversity in Stanislaus County which culminates this year in the International Heritage Festival;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim September 26 through October 2, 2010 as Diversity Awareness Week in Stanislaus County.