

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

DEPT: Aging & Veterans Services

BOARD AGENDA # \*A-5b

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE April 19, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim May 2011 as Older Americans Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim May 2011 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. 2011-219

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Vice-Chairman O'Brien

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Chairman Monteith

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X 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.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
MAY 2011 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN STANISLAUS COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Stanislaus County is a community that includes 84,526 citizens aged 60 and older; and

**WHEREAS**, the older adult population in Stanislaus County is one 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 recognition 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, 2011 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 17, 2011, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisor’s meeting.