

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # \*A-3b

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE September 20, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO

(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim the Week of September 25, 2011 through October 1, 2011 as Stanislaus County Diversity Awareness Week

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim the Week of September 25, 2011 through October 1, 2011 as Stanislaus County Diversity Awareness Week.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-540

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini

and approved by the following vote,

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

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 TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Stanislaus County Equal Rights Commission is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the week of September 25, 2011 through October 1, 2011 as Diversity Awareness Week in Stanislaus County. This is the eighth year Stanislaus County has celebrated diversity in conjunction with other local activities including the International Heritage Festival scheduled for October 1, 2011 at the Gallo Center for the Arts.

Departments throughout the County have organized activities and displays acknowledging, celebrating, and increasing awareness of the various diverse cultures that make our County 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 are once again partnering together to celebrate diversity in a broader sense. This year's representations include the cultures of Polynesia, China and Egypt, as well as a display on aging and on ADA/disability awareness

The Community Services Agency in partnership with the Department of Child Support Services and Alliance Worknet, will focus on family life, dynamics, traditions and social services for the family in various cultures, including Japan, USA, African American, Greece, Portugal, Norway, Israel, Assyria, India, Italy and Mexico. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and the Health Services Agency will also be partnering to provide Diversity Week activities. Other County departments have connected with local clubs and organizations representing the various cultures of Stanislaus County in developing displays, food sampling, and other diversity activities.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

Creating public awareness of the diversity of cultures in Stanislaus County addresses the Board's priorities of Effective Partnerships as well as A Strong Agricultural Economy/Heritage.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 1, 2011 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 25 through October 1, 2011 as Diversity Awareness Week in Stanislaus County.