

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

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-4

Urgent

Routine



AGENDA DATE June 19, 2012

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim June 2012 as Disability Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim June 2012 as Disability Awareness Month in Stanislaus County.

Contact Person: Christine Ferraro Tallman

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2012-287

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa

and approved by the following vote,

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

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.



Society for Handicapped Children & Adults

Over 60 years of Caring ^{RD OF SUPERVISORS}

June 1, 2012

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"He won't ever walk. He won't be able to live without machines. He won't communicate and he might not ever leave the care of a hospital." Those were some of the statements Amber and her husband heard from numerous doctors and specialists when their son Preston was diagnosed, at birth, with Spina Bifida and Chiari Malformation. Preston's family refused to give up hope. Miraculously, Preston is able to now do many things he was "never" going to do, including breathing on his own. He is also living at home with his family, with the help of around the clock nursing staff in his home. Most recently, Preston, now almost three years old, has been working with his Therapists on walking with the assistance of an expensive piece of medical equipment called a Gait Trainer. Unable to purchase the equipment, Amber reached out to Society for help. Thanks to our Special Needs Fund, Society was able to purchase Preston the device so that he could practice walking as much as he wants, not just an hour a week at therapy. The Special Needs Fund would not exist without the generosity of supporters such as you!

For 65 years, the Society for Handicapped Children and Adults has dedicated to improving the quality of life and self sufficiency for people with disabilities in Stanislaus County. We operate the largest Loan Closet in our area, loaning adaptive, mobility and medical equipment to those in need. In addition, the Society offers recreational programs for people with disabilities, including winter ski, water ski, bike camp, day on the farm, bowling, the annual Special Needs Ball, and golfing. We also offer sign language classes and are a resource and referral agency to the community. We like to emphasize the fact that we are independent; our funding and support comes solely from private sources. Without support from the community it is impossible to provide the much needed services to those with disabilities. We desperately need your help. Over 87,000 people in Stanislaus County have a disability, according to the 2010 US Census.

We request for June 2012 to be proclaimed "Disability Awareness Month" in Stanislaus County. Please see the attached information. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors proclaimed June 2011 as such. We would appreciate a proclamation for this year as well.

For Preston and countless others, our organization provides services and programs that are essential to individual good health, independence and well being. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 524-3536 or events@societyforhandicapped.org.

With Sincerest Gratitude

Michelle Gill
Special Events Coordinator