

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

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-4a

Urgent Routine *CS*

AGENDA DATE September 10, 2013

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim September 2013 as National Preparedness Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim September 2013 as National Preparedness 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. 2013-445

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien
and approved by the following vote.

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST:

CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

Launched in 2004, National Preparedness Month is FEMA's national annual preparedness outreach that aims to educate and empower Americans during the month of September and throughout the year to prepare for and respond to all types of emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Month encourages Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, and communities. Information is also provided for pet owners, seniors and individuals with access and functional needs. Resources are available in both English and Spanish. Last year, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution proclaiming September 2012 National Preparedness Month.

This year, the Office of Emergency Services is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve a resolution proclaiming September 2013 National Preparedness Month. Throughout the month, information will be disseminated via email to county employees, as well as Operational Area members and partner agencies, on how they can prepare for emergencies individually and as employees, as well as what families, neighborhoods, and communities can do to be ready to respond.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval to proclaim September 2013 National Preparedness Month supports the Board's priorities of A Safe Community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff from the Office of Emergency Services will provide National Preparedness Month and **Ready** Campaign information to the County departments, Operational Area Council members and partner agencies, and the general public.

CONTACT PERSON:

Dale Skiles, Assistant Director of Emergency Services, Telephone: 209-552-3600.

A Resolution Proclaiming September 2013 National Preparedness Month

WHEREAS, “**National Preparedness Month**” creates an important opportunity for every resident of Stanislaus County to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s *Ready* Campaign, Citizen Corps, and other federal, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to educate individuals on how to take action; and

WHEREAS, emergency responsibility of every citizen of Stanislaus County and all citizens are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

WHEREAS, by participating in **National Preparedness Month** in September 2013, the County of Stanislaus has the opportunity to join and support the Nation and State of California in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Stanislaus County are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and asked to visit the websites of the *Ready* campaign at www.ready.gov or www.Listo.gov (in Spanish) and become more prepared.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September 2013 as National Preparedness Month, and encourages all citizens and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plan, and work together toward creating a more prepared community.