

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

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA # *A-3a

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE February 10, 2015

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Proclaim the Month of March 2015 as Social Worker Recognition Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim the Month of March 2015 as Social Worker Recognition Month.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2015-46

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

and approved by the following vote,

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

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
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

Historically, the month of March has been declared as Social Work month. We ask the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors to declare March 2015 as Social Work Month in Stanislaus County to recognize the following:

- Social Work month was initiated in 1962 by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) as a time to honor the Social Work profession.
- Social Work is a specialized field in helping children, adults and families in need. Social Workers provide assistance in improving relationships, promoting self-sufficiency, creating safer environments, accessing resources, supporting vulnerable populations and promoting social, emotional, and mental health.
- Social Workers provide services throughout our community, including behavioral health settings, hospitals, schools, foster family and adoption agencies, corrections, community organizations, child welfare, adult services, and family violence centers.
- Social Workers throughout Stanislaus County have successfully engaged families in building a safer and stronger community. As a result of their practice, many families have increased their resiliency with better ways to cope with internal and external stressors, develop healthier relationships within the family and with their social connections, increase their knowledge of parenting as well as meeting the medical, emotional, social, and developmental needs of their children and gain knowledge of the different support systems in the community.
- Social Workers in the Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Health Services Agency, Area Agency on Aging, and other community organizations continued to take pride in the ability to collaborate in delivering services to families in a compassionate and culturally responsive manner.

Social Workers will be recognized throughout the month.

POLICY ISSUE:

Proclaiming March as Social Worker Recognition Month honors Social Worker's contributions to the Board's priority of ensuring A Healthy Community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.

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WHEREAS, the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable.

WHEREAS, programs and services provided by professional Social Workers are essential elements of the Stanislaus County social safety net;

WHEREAS, Social Workers make a critical impact in adolescent and youth development; aging and family caregiving; child protection and family services; health care navigation; mental and behavioral health treatment ; military and veterans assistance; nonprofit management and community development; and poverty reduction;

WHEREAS, Social Workers influence many different organizations and human service systems and are employed in workplaces ranging from private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and clinics, to businesses and corporations, military units, elected offices, think tanks and foundations;

WHEREAS, Social Workers believe that Stanislaus County's strength depends on the ability of the majority of its citizens to lead productive and healthy lives;

WHEREAS, Social Workers help people, who are often navigating major life challenges, find hope and new options for achieving their maximum potential;

WHEREAS, Social Workers identify and address gaps in social systems that impede full participation by individuals or groups in society;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition that our nation would be less successful without the contributions of America's 650,000 social workers, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, hereby declare the month of March 2015 as **SOCIAL WORKER RECOGNITION MONTH** in Stanislaus County to honor these Social Workers for their competence and professionalism, their dedication to the highest ethical standards and their commitment to service to the citizens of Stanislaus County.