

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

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-4a

AGENDA DATE: May 24, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim June 2016 as Disability Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2016-257

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
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) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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AGENDA ITEM**

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Urgent Routine



AGENDA DATE: May 24, 2016

CEO CONCURRENCE: _____

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim June 2016 as Disability Awareness Month in Stanislaus County.

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Elizabeth A. King
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Dear Ms. King,

For 69 years, the Society for disABILITIES 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 68,840 people in Stanislaus County have a disability.

We request for June 2016 to be proclaimed "Disability Awareness Month" in Stanislaus County. Please see the enclosed information. In addition, we request that we be notified with the date and time at which the proclamation will take place so that we may have a representative in attendance to accept it. My contact information is listed below.

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 carolyn@societyfordisabilities.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Teixeira Gomes". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Carolyn Teixeira Gomes
Director of Development



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors has recognized healthy communities as a priority; and,

WHEREAS, disabilities can affect all people, regardless of race, age, gender, or social status; and,

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness about diverse abilities is vital to fighting the stigma and discrimination that often serve as a barrier to employment, socialization and individual wellbeing; and,

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 4,050,631 people with disabilities in the state of California and over 68,840 people with disabilities (over the age of 5) in Stanislaus County; and,

WHEREAS, within the next year, at least one out of eight Californians will experience a disability personally or through a family member; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County wants to celebrate and recognize people with different abilities; and,

WHEREAS, people with different abilities are independent, productive, and part of the community; and,

WHEREAS, education, understanding, access, engagement, and relationships are important components of a connected, livable, and healthy community; and,

WHEREAS, communities thrive when residents appreciate the unique gifts inside people of all abilities; and,

WHEREAS, by developing relationships with our neighbors, we make our community a place where everyone participates and is a valued member; and,

WHEREAS, The Society for disABILITIES will commemorate June, 2016, and each June thereafter as Disability Awareness Month; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim June 2016, as Disability Awareness Month in Stanislaus County and commends this observance to all our residents.

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