

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *A-5

Urgent

Routine

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

AGENDA DATE September 22, 2009

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim the Week of September 27, 2009 through October 3, 2009 as Stanislaus County Diversity Awareness Week

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim the Week of September 27, 2009 through October 3, 2009 as Stanislaus County Diversity Awareness Week.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-640

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Grover
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini
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:

The Stanislaus County Equal Rights Commission is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the week of September 27, 2009 through October 3, 2009 as Diversity Awareness Week in Stanislaus County. This is the sixth year the County has celebrated diversity in conjunction with other local activities and the Commission would appreciate the Board formally recognizing this week. Departments throughout the County have organized activities and displays acknowledging 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 our employees and the public. At 10th Street Place, the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County have partnered together to celebrate cultures representing the world with the theme "Embrace Diversity...Embrace the World!" The countries being represented this year at 10th Street Place on various floors will be Argentina, Japan, Canada, India, and Mexico. The Community Services Agency is planning a Cultural Heritage Celebration on Tuesday September 29th, 2009, from 2pm to 4:30pm. The countries being displayed this year are United States, England, Mexico, Cambodia, Japan, Assyria, Ireland, Scotland, Portugal, Greece, Israel, Russia, Jamaica, and India with popular travel sites being highlighted for each country. The Health Services Agency will celebrate the theme "Harvest of Heritages," and will be utilizing their Intranet site to share information about various cultures. Recipes and quizzes about various cultures will be shared, and the department will host a culturally diverse food potluck. The Library will be presenting a book display about diversity. The District Attorney's office will be celebrating the country of Mexico with a potluck of various food dishes brought in by employees.

POLICY ISSUE:

Creating public awareness of the diversity of cultures in Stanislaus County addresses the Board's priorities of effective partnerships as well as strong agricultural economy/heritage.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

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Resolution
Diversity Awareness Week

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County and the Stanislaus County Equal Rights Commission are committed to promoting the cultural diversity of our Community; and,
WHEREAS, Stanislaus County employees have organized activities and displays acknowledging and increasing awareness of the diverse cultures that make our County a wonderful place to live; and,
WHEREAS, Countywide events will help to educate both Stanislaus County employees and the public; and,
WHEREAS, Diversity Awareness Week begins the yearly celebration of diversity in Stanislaus County, which precedes the International Festival; and,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim the week of September 27, 2009 through October 3, 2009 as Diversity Awareness Week in Stanislaus County.