

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

CA
DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA # *A-4

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE February 15, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Proclaim the Month of March 2011 as Social Worker Recognition Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim the Month of March 2011 as Social Worker Recognition Month.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-100

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa

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) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: 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 2011 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 Social Workers.
- Social Workers are specialists in helping people. They provide assistance to families to improve relationships, promote self-sufficiency of the family, protect and support vulnerable residents and promote emotional health and social adjustment.
- Social Workers provide services in behavioral health settings, hospitals, schools, foster family and adoption agencies, corrections, community organizations, child welfare, adult services and public assistance agencies.
- Social Workers throughout Stanislaus County have been successful in building a better community. As a result of their work, many citizens learn better ways to cope with and/or prevent anxiety, depression, substance abuse, the effects of HIV, domestic violence, emotional, physical and sexual abuse, and social and cultural conflict.
- Social Workers in the Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Health Services Agency, and Area Agency on Aging continue to take pride in delivering services 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 Workers' contributions to the Board's priority of ensuring A Healthy Community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.

CONTACT PERSON:

Christine C. Applegate, Director, 558-2500

WHEREAS, the social work profession was established more than 100 years ago to provide people with the tools and support they need to overcome adversity and to reach their full potential;

WHEREAS, social workers work through private practice, agencies and organizations, hospitals, the military, government, and educational institutions;

WHEREAS, the Schools of Social Work promote social work education as a way for dedicated people to make a significant difference in the lives of the residents of Stanislaus County;

WHEREAS, social workers improve the fabric of society by being advocates for people who need help addressing serious life challenges;

WHEREAS, the social work profession also works to change systems limit the ability of vulnerable individuals and groups to lead fulfilling and productive lives;

WHEREAS, social workers help many individual and families in Stanislaus County, responding to such human needs as homelessness, abuse, family break-up, mental illness, physical and mental disability, substance abuse, domestic violence and many other issues.

WHEREAS, social workers are dedicated to the successful functioning of society in Stanislaus County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, hereby declare the month of March 2011 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.