

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *A-7

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE April 5, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim, In Conjunction with National Volunteer Week, the Week of April 10, 2011 to April 16, 2011 as Stanislaus County Volunteer Week

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim April 10 - 16, 2011 as Stanislaus County Volunteer Week

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-208

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: THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND PLACED ON NON-CONSENT FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

ATTEST:


CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

The Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the week of April 10, 2011 to April 16, 2011 as National Volunteer Week for all Stanislaus County departments. National Volunteer Week is about thanking one of our most valuable assets, our County volunteer workforce and all these individuals do to improve our community. National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Nixon signed an executive order establishing the third week in April as an annual celebration of volunteering. Since then, every U.S. President has signed a proclamation promoting this week. Due to the Easter holiday this year, the week was moved to the second week in April. For 2011, Celebrating People in Action is the theme for National Volunteer Week.

The County's Volunteer Program is a great way to connect people with opportunities to serve Stanislaus County Government Departments and form meaningful partnerships. Volunteers are investing their time, energy, skills, and talents helping make County departments run more efficiently. Volunteering is one of the greatest forms of civic engagement and we appreciate the volunteers who donate their time without compensation. County volunteer opportunities range from one-time events such as picking up litter in a County park to long-term volunteer opportunities such as providing library materials to homebound individuals, assisting individuals in locating appointments and services at the Health Services Agency, and taking care of abandoned animals for the Animal Services Agency. In addition, the Sheriff's Department operates the STARS Program (Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors) dedicated to improving community welfare and safety. The County Volunteer Program encourages citizens and County retirees to volunteer their time and talents.

In previous years, the County has partnered with the Volunteer Center of the United Way to assist in coordinating our volunteer workforce. In January 2011, the County assumed responsibility for the Volunteer Program in an effort to increase efficiency and decrease costs. A website has been developed for individuals to learn more about the County's Volunteer program and individual volunteer opportunities. This website can be found at www.stancounty.com/volunteer.

Departments countywide are planning various events to recognize their volunteers. The Health Services Agency and the County Library are hosting volunteer luncheons and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is hosting a reception.

POLICY ISSUE:

Recognizing the benefits to our community provided by our County volunteers addresses the Board's priority of efficient delivery of public services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item. Existing County staff administers the volunteer program.

CONTACT PERSON:

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

Item # *A-7

Approval to Proclaim, In Conjunction with National Volunteer Week, the Week of April 10, 2011 to April 16, 2011 as Stanislaus County Volunteer Week

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County is dedicated to the efforts provided by our Volunteer workforce; and,

WHEREAS, the County's Volunteer Program is a great way to connect people with opportunities to serve the community and form meaningful partnerships;

WHEREAS the entire community experiences positive change with any volunteer action no matter how big or small; and,

WHEREAS, during this week, all of the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to public service; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County departments have organized activities and displays acknowledging the commitment of our County volunteers to our community; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County Volunteers spend countless hours providing services to enhance the Board of Supervisor's priorities; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County is a Certifying Organization for the PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD, a national program recognizing Americans who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service; and,

WHEREAS, our County's volunteer workforce is a great treasure; and,

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week "Celebrating People in Action" begins the celebration of our County volunteers; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim the week of April 10, 2011 through April 16, 2011 as National Volunteer Week in Stanislaus County.

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California



File No.

PowerPoint Presentation

Stanislaus County Volunteer Program



www.stancounty.com/volunteer/



Volunteer Program

- The County previously partnered with United Way to coordinate the volunteer program.
- On January 1, 2011, the County assumed responsibility for the volunteer program. This included the creation of a volunteer website and the use of Peoplesoft to track volunteer hours.





Volunteer Program

- 17 County Department have Volunteer Coordinators, with over 20 different volunteer opportunities currently posted.
- In 2009-2010 the County had over 500 volunteers providing services.



Volunteer Program

- The County's program recently became a certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award.
- Volunteer Week is April 10 to April 16, 2011, with celebrations recognizing the importance of volunteers being held throughout the County.





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Organization [Stanislaus County Free Library - Modesto Library](#)
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Great For Teens, 55+

Interest Area Education & Literacy

Date This is an Ongoing Opportunity.

Minimum Age 18

Volunteers Needed 25



Ed Smith (right) helped Frankie Brown improve his reading and he graduated with honors from truck driving school and is able to get a job after being laid off when the Hershey plant closed.

Stanislaus County Free Library - Modesto Library

Public libraries in California seek to engage the talents, skills and commitment of volunteers to serve the communities' information and literacy... [\(Read More\)](#)

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Recommendation:

Proclaim April 10-16, 2011 as
Stanislaus County Volunteer Week.

