

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

DEPT: Health Services Agency *MSH*

BOARD AGENDA # *A-3a

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE April 26, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim May 2011 as Asthma Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim May 2011 as Asthma Awareness Month in Stanislaus County.
2. Present the proclamation to the Asthma Coalition at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on May 3, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the request.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-236

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, 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) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

**STANISLAUS COUNTY
ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION
MAY 2011**

WHEREAS, Asthma has reached epidemic proportions in the United States, affecting about 25 million people;

WHEREAS, Asthma is the leading cause of childhood hospitalizations, long-term illness and school absenteeism, accounting for nearly 11 million missed school days and nearly 15 million missed days of work each year;

WHEREAS, each year nearly 1.75 million Americans are rushed to the emergency room, nearly a half million are hospitalized and nearly 3,500 die from Asthma;

WHEREAS, the 2007 California Health Interview Survey estimates that approximately 65,000 people in Stanislaus County have been diagnosed with asthma, of which 16,000 are children (more than 1 out of 10), and over 45,000 residents, including about 12,000 children are currently coping with asthma;

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County ranks in the worst 25 counties in the US for some air quality measures;

WHEREAS, the Health Services Agency has established an Asthma Coalition with over 90 representatives from the community, providers, health plans, American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, County and City schools, and the Central California Asthma Project to implement the School Based Asthma Program developed in the Coalition's 2004 Strategic Plan for Asthma in Stanislaus County;

WHEREAS, the mission of the Stanislaus County Asthma Coalition is "to create an Asthma-friendly community by promoting awareness, education, management and prevention" and;

WHEREAS, the Health Services Agency, the Asthma Coalition, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are encouraging Americans to identify and reduce their exposure to environmental triggers in homes and schools, and incorporate environmental controls into their Asthma management plans;

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County recognizes the need to raise Asthma awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors hereby unanimously proclaim **May as Asthma Awareness Month** and commends this observance to all our residents.