

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

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA # \*A-7

Urgent

Routine

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

AGENDA DATE February 26, 2013

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Proclaim the Month of March 2013 as Social Worker Recognition Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim the Month of March 2013 as Social Worker Recognition Month.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2013-74

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Withrow, Monteith, De Martini and Chairman Chiesa

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  
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

BY: Deputy

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 2013 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 the Social Work profession.
- 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:**

Kathryn Harwell, Director, 558-2500

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WHEREAS, the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable.

WHEREAS, programs and services provided by professional Social Workers are essential elements of the Stanislaus County social safety net;

WHEREAS, Social Workers make a critical impact in adolescent and youth development; aging and family caregiving; child protection and family services; health care navigation; mental and behavioral health treatment ; military and veterans assistance; nonprofit management and community development; and poverty reduction;

WHEREAS, Social Workers influence many different organizations and human service systems and are employed in workplaces ranging from private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and clinics, to businesses and corporations, military units, elected offices, think tanks and foundations;

WHEREAS, Social Workers believe that Stanislaus County's strength depends on the ability of the majority of its citizens to lead productive and healthy lives;

WHEREAS, Social Workers help people, who are often navigating major life challenges, find hope and new options for achieving their maximum potential;

WHEREAS, Social Workers identify and address gaps in social systems that impede full participation by individuals or groups in society;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in recognition that our nation would be less successful without the contributions of America's 650,000 social workers, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, hereby declare the month of March 2013 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.