

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

DEPT: CEO-Office of Emergency Services

BOARD AGENDA # *A-2a

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE August 25, 2015

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim September 2015 as National Preparedness Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim September 2015 as National Preparedness Month in Stanislaus County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2015-393

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

and approved by the following vote,

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

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

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DISCUSSION:

Launched in 2004, National Preparedness Month is the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) national annual preparedness outreach that aims to educate and empower Americans during the month of September and throughout the year to prepare for and respond to all types of emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. National Preparedness Month encourages Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, and communities. Information is also provided for pet owners, seniors and individuals with access and functional needs. Resources are available in thirteen languages, including English and Spanish. Last year, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution proclaiming September 2014 National Preparedness Month.

This year, the Office of Emergency Services is requesting the Board of Supervisors approve a resolution proclaiming September 2015 National Preparedness Month. The Theme for this year is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today." Each week the Office of Emergency Services will focus on identifying the tools to assist in preparing for specific hazards including floods, wildfire, power outages and winter weather and information will be disseminated via email to county employees as well as Operational Area Members and partner agencies. The focus will be on taking action now to make a plan with your community, your family and your pets and how to stay safe and communicate during the disasters that affect our community.

In addition, the Office of Emergency Services will provide preparedness information to the public via www.stanemergency.com as well as social media throughout the month.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval to proclaim September 2015 National Preparedness Month supports the Board's priorities of A Safe Community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff from the Office of Emergency Services will provide National Preparedness Month and **Ready** Campaign information to the County departments, Operational Area Council members and partner agencies, and the general public.

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

**A Resolution Proclaiming September 2015
as National Preparedness Month**

WHEREAS, "National Preparedness Month" creates an important opportunity for every resident of Stanislaus County to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Ready Campaign, Citizen Corps, and other federal, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to educate individuals on how to take action; and

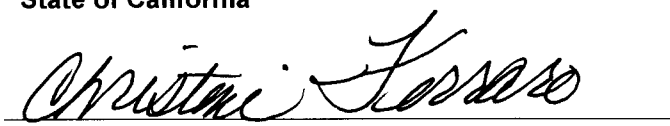
WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen of Stanislaus County and all citizens are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

WHEREAS, by participating in National Preparedness Month in September 2015, the County of Stanislaus has the opportunity to join and support the Nation and State of California in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Stanislaus County are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and asked to visit the websites of the Ready campaign at www.ready.gov, which includes links to 13 languages, and become more prepared.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September 2015 as National Preparedness Month, and encourages all citizens and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plan, and work together toward creating a more prepared community.

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



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