

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-9

AGENDA DATE: March 22, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept the County Volunteer Program Annual Report for Calendar Year 2015 and Proclaim the Week of April 10 to April 16, 2016 as Stanislaus County Volunteer Week in Conjunction with National Volunteer Week

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2016-147

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, 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) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: 
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGENDA ITEM**

DEPT: Chief Executive Office
Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: 

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the County Volunteer Program Annual Report for Calendar Year 2015.
2. Proclaim the Week of April 10, 2016 – April 16, 2016 as Stanislaus County Volunteer Week.

DISCUSSION:

Volunteers can make all the difference in helping a county improve the local community, whether it's caring for pets awaiting adoption, helping homebound seniors, providing peer support, providing customer service at the information desk, or assisting with seasonal maintenance in county parks. In Stanislaus County, the Board of Supervisors will honor the efforts of 803 volunteers and several one-time service groups from the 2015 year. Local community volunteer members donated 73,024 hours of service to the local residents. This amount is an increase of approximately 9% over the previous year's total of 66,638.

The Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the week of April 10, 2016 to April 16, 2016 as National Volunteer Week for all Stanislaus County departments. National Volunteer Week is also the time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through service. Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week focuses national attention on the impact and power of volunteerism and service as integral components of our civic leadership. The week draws the support and endorsement of the President and Congress, Governors, Mayors, and municipal leaders, as well as corporate and community groups across the country. Through programs such as the President's Volunteer Service Award, the county recognizes volunteers and the tremendous impact they make year-round in Stanislaus County assisting with the delivery of quality services.

Volunteering has a positive and meaningful impact on the community and is an excellent way for residents to share their expertise and knowledge. The county is pleased to honor all the volunteers today and every day. The following chart reflects a breakdown of the number of volunteer hours by participating departments:

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Stanislaus County Volunteer Program 2015 Annual Report January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015		
Department Name	Number of Volunteers	Number of Volunteer Hours
Animal Services*	219	8,078.57
Area Agency on Aging/Veterans Services	51	4,884.58
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services	131	21,380.19
Community Services Agency	2	1,176.25
Cooperative Extension	1	61.33
District Attorney	6	1,345.58
Environmental Resources	3	734.10
Health Services Agency	35	6,222.91
Law Library	1	45.00
Library*	272	7,254.75
Parks and Recreation*	11	6,037.64
Probation	3	238.00
Public Works	1	351.50
Strategic Business Technology	2	221.00
Sheriff's Office - Explorers	27	4,533.60
Sheriff's Office - STARS	38	10,459.00
GRAND TOTAL	803	73,024.00

* Animal Services, Library, and Parks/Recreation have one time event hours included in the total hours.

The Chief Executive Office is responsible for coordination of the overall Volunteer Program with the assistance of Department Volunteer Coordinators, and the Auditor-Controller's Office. Administration of the County's Volunteer Program is decentralized with departmental volunteer programs varying considerably in size, scope, services, complexity, and practice. Departments participate in the program at the discretion of the individual Department Head.

The County's volunteer website has a new look with the application now online versus inline to simplify the volunteer application process. In addition to the website upgrades, a formal bus transportation badge program was established for volunteers in need of free bus services to facilitate their interest to volunteer in the community. The Rideshare Grant Program received from StanCOG in 2015 reimburses the badge supply costs to create a picture identification volunteer bus badge for local bus routes to County facilities. The Sheriff's Office Staff provides their services and equipment to create the volunteer bus picture badges for approximately 50 – 75 volunteers.

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Many examples display the outstanding pool of volunteers sharing their time and energy in various capacities. The Community Services Agency volunteer provides assistance with scheduling IHSS Providers for orientation, scanning files, and purging outdated files. The Sheriff's Explorers are the next generation of safety officers learning from the best what it takes to pursue a career in law enforcement, along with the STARS Volunteers supporting the community with additional "eyes and ears." Across the 16 County departments, volunteers make a difference by sharing their time, effort, and experience. The Volunteer Program is an excellent way to connect people with opportunities and to form meaningful partnerships.

The County would like to recognize and celebrate ordinary people doing extraordinary things to improve Stanislaus County. The recognition program includes Board of Supervisors' certificates, department volunteer celebrations, and President Pins based upon a volunteer's total annual hours. The pins are ordered through the President's Volunteer Service Award website.

POLICY ISSUE:

The volunteer program provides community members of all ages an opportunity to give-back to the community they live in. The program also brings new workforce opportunities to volunteers seeking possible employment with the County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact in approving the annual volunteer program report and resolution.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

Recognizing the benefits to County departments provided by the County volunteers addresses the Board's priority of Efficient Delivery of Public Services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff from the Chief Executive Office, along with Department Volunteer Coordinators are responsible for the Volunteer Program. There are no additional staffing impacts associated with the Board of Supervisors' acceptance of the County Volunteer Program Annual report for calendar year 2015.

CONTACT PERSON:

Linda Chambers – Chief Executive Office -209-525-6333

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution

Attachment 1

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROCLAIM
THE WEEK OF APRIL 10 TO APRIL 16, 2016 AS STANISLAUS COUNTY VOLUNTEER WEEK IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County is dedicated to the efforts provided by the County's volunteers; and,

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

WHEREAS, during this week and month, volunteers will be recognized for their commitment to public service; and,

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

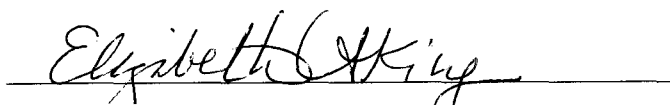
WHEREAS, Stanislaus County Volunteers provided 73,024 hours of service to enhance the Board of Supervisor's priority of Efficient Delivery of Public Services; and,

WHEREAS, our County's volunteer workforce of approximately 803 is a great treasure; and,

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week begins the celebration of the County volunteers; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim the week of April 10, 2016 to April 16, 2016 as National Volunteer Week in Stanislaus County.

ATTEST: **ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk**
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California



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