

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

DEPT: Community Services Agency BOARD AGENDA #: *A-5

AGENDA DATE: February 28, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim March 2017 as Social Worker Recognition Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-76

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Olsen

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

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.

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AGENDA ITEM**

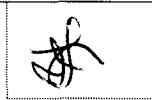
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Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: phd

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No



SUBJECT:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim March 2017 as Social Worker Recognition Month in Stanislaus County.

DISCUSSION:

Historically, the month of March has been declared as Social Work Month. We ask the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors to declare March 2017 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 Work is a specialized field in helping children, adults and families in need. Social Workers provide assistance in improving relationships, promoting self-sufficiency, creating safer environments, accessing resources, supporting vulnerable populations and promoting social, emotional, and mental health.
- Social Workers provide services throughout our community, including behavioral health settings, hospitals, schools, foster family and adoption agencies, corrections, community organizations, child welfare, adult protective services, in-home supportive services, and family violence centers.
- Social Workers throughout Stanislaus County have successfully engaged and strengthened families to build a safer and stronger community. As a result of their practice, many families have increased their resiliency with better ways to cope with internal and external stressors, developed healthier relationships within the family and with their social connections, increased their knowledge of parenting as well as meeting the medical, emotional, social, and developmental needs of their children and gained knowledge of the different support systems in the community.
- Social Workers in the Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Health Services Agency, Area Agency on Aging, and other community organizations continued to take pride in the ability to collaborate in delivering services to families in a compassionate and culturally responsive manner.

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Social Workers will be recognized throughout the month.

POLICY ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended action supports the Boards' Priorities of A Safe Community and A Healthy Community by honoring social workers competence, professionalism and commitment to keeping families in the community safe and healthy.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact with this agenda item.

CONTACT PERSON:

Kathryn M. Harwell, Director (209) 558-2500

ATTACHMENT(S):

Proclamation

**Proclaiming March 2017 as Social Worker Recognition Month in
Stanislaus County**

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; and,

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

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; and,

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; and,

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; and,

WHEREAS, Social Workers throughout Stanislaus County believe that building stronger families creates a safer and stronger community; and,

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare the month of March 2017 as SOCIAL WORKER RECOGNITION MONTH in Stanislaus County, in recognition that our nation would be less successful without the contributions of America's 650,000 social workers and to honor these Social Workers for their competence and professionalism, their dedication to the highest ethical standards and their commitment of service to the citizens of Stanislaus County.