

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA #: \*B-7

AGENDA DATE: March 28, 2017

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Accept the County Volunteer Program Annual Report for Calendar Year 2016 and Proclaim the Week of April 23 – 29, 2017 as Stanislaus County Volunteer Week in Conjunction with National Volunteer Week

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

No. 2017-130

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:

  
PAM VILLARREAL, Assistant Clerk

File No.

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

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CEO CONCURRENCE: *pht*

4/5 Vote Required: Yes  No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Accept the County Volunteer Program Annual Report for Calendar Year 2016.
2. Proclaim the Week of April 23 – April 29, 2017 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 785 volunteers and several one-time service groups from the 2016 year. Local community volunteer members donated 69,215 hours of service to our community. This amount is slightly less than the previous year's total of 73,024.

The Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office is asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the week of April 23, 2017 to April 29, 2017 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 U.S. 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 2016 Annual Report January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016		
Department Name	Number of Volunteers	Number of Volunteer Hours
Animal Services*	195	8,418.49
Area Agency on Aging/Veterans Services	71	4,453.76
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services	130	22,125.15
Chief Executive Office	1	74.00
Community Services Agency	1	738.00
County Counsel	1	88.92
District Attorney	7	880.46
General Services Agency	1	104.00
Health Services Agency	29	4,290.25
Library*	266	6,803.05
Parks and Recreation	6	2,516.75
Probation	3	408.70
Strategic Business Technology	1	21.00
Sheriff's Office - Explorers	32	5,226.25
Sheriff's Office - STARS	41	13,066.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>69,214.78</b>
<i>* Animal Services and Library have one time event hours included in the total hours.</i>		

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.

Many examples display the outstanding pool of volunteers sharing their time and energy in various capacities. The Area Agency/Veterans department has a team of kind and devoted "Friendly Visitor" volunteers visiting older adults in the community that are alone and have little to no support or socialization. The Peer Counselors are trained to provide counseling and support to older adults that experience emotional distress due to health problems. Animal Services volunteers bring their caring and compassion to help with displaced dogs and cats at the shelter by assisting with hygiene of the kennels, feeding, walking, and grooming needs; along with helping the public with the adoption process. The volunteers at the Health Services Agency continued to support the community even while displaced from the 830 Scenic Drive facility due to the unexpected water leak and subsequent building flooding. Volunteers relocated to other clinics throughout the County to bring a smiling face and assistance in new areas. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) is proud of the Volunteers who give

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their time in a variety of ways ranging from being a driver, clerical aide, a peer, organizing resources, and participating in one day events, while at the same time utilizing their people skills to make a difference in the lives of others. With pride, BHRS strives to create both an environment that empowers volunteers and provides an atmosphere that welcomes them.

The County would like to recognize and celebrate ordinary people doing extraordinary things to improve Stanislaus County. The volunteer recognition program includes Board of Supervisors' certificates, department volunteer celebrations, and President Pins based upon a volunteer's total annual hours. The award 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 associated with this agenda item.

**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 2016.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Resolution

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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 23, 2017 - April 29, 2017 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,

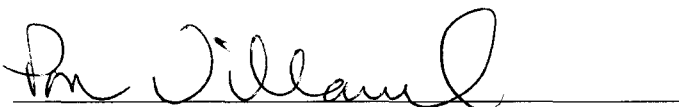
WHEREAS, Stanislaus County departments have organized activities and displays acknowledging the commitment of the County volunteers to our community; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County Volunteers provided 69,215 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 785 is a great treasure; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim the week of April 23, 2017 to April 29, 2017 as Volunteer Week in Stanislaus County.

ATTEST: **PAM VILLARREAL, Assistant Clerk**  
**Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,**  
**State of California**



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