

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

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA #: \*A-5b

AGENDA DATE: April 4, 2017

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Proclaim April 2017 as Assyrian Heritage Month in Stanislaus County

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

No. 2017-148

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.

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

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CEO CONCURRENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

4/5 Vote Required: Yes  No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Proclaim April 2017 as Assyrian Heritage Month in Stanislaus County.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Elizabeth King, Clerk of the Board

Phone number: 209-525-4494

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 2017 AS  
ASSYRIAN HERITAGE MONTH IN STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, today's Assyrians are descendants of the indigenous people of Mesopotamia, a region in the Middle East between the Tigris and the Euphrates, including portions of modern-day Iraq, Kuwait, Syria, and areas along the Turkish-Syrian and Iran-Iraq borders; and,

WHEREAS, some major events in ancient Mesopotamia include the development of city-states, invention of writing, rise of the world's first empire and establishment of written laws by Hammurabi. Mesopotamia is often described as a cradle of mankind because it is one of the places where civilization began; and,

WHEREAS, It is important to educate the community about the Assyrian heritage in order to preserve and pass on the Assyrian history, language, and culture to future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County is home to a large and active Assyrian community; Stanislaus County has a number of Assyrian-American clubs, churches, entrepreneurs, leaders, media platforms, and students attending higher level learning institutions; and,

WHEREAS, Assyrian culture is one of the oldest in human history and 1<sup>st</sup> day of spring marks the 6767<sup>th</sup> New Year "Akitu," at the time of vernal equinox, which was an ancient Assyrian and Babylonian festival to celebrate the start of spring, a symbol of rebirth, of nature; and,

WHEREAS, The Assyrian community in Stanislaus County celebrated with a community parade and flag raising ceremony; and,

WHEREAS, the Assyrian New Year is a great opportunity for individuals to learn about, share, and celebrate the many achievements Assyrians have made; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County encourages the celebration of Assyrian New Year with events that promote and educate the community about the Assyrian heritage including: cultural exhibits, arts and crafts, music, dance performances, and traditional Assyrian cuisine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2017 as Assyrian Heritage month in support of the Assyrian community and in recognition of Assyrian New Year 6767, and wishes the Assyrian community a happy and prosperous New Year.