

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

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA:5.B.5  
AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2018

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Accept the County Volunteer Program Annual Report for Calendar Year 2017 and Proclaim the Week of April 15 - April 21, 2018 as Stanislaus County Volunteer Week in Conjunction with National Volunteer Week

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0133**

On motion of Supervisor Olsen Seconded by Supervisor Withrow  
and approved by the following vote,

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

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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CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Accept the County Volunteer Program Annual Report for Calendar Year 2017.
2. Proclaim the Week of April 15 – April 21, 2018 as Stanislaus County Volunteer Week.

**DISCUSSION:**

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve. Stanislaus County honors all the exceptional volunteers, celebrating the power of the individual to spark change and improve the world. During National Volunteer Week, organizations across the country recognize their volunteers for helping them achieve their mission. In Stanislaus County, the Board of Supervisors honor the efforts of more than 847 volunteers during the 2017 year. Local community volunteer members donated 114,407 hours of service to the County's residents. The total volunteer hours for the 2017 year would equate to approximately 55 full-time employees.

The Chief Executive Office is asking the Board of Supervisor to approve the week of April 15 – April 21, 2018 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 aspects of our civic leadership. The following chart reflects a breakdown of the number of volunteer hours by participating department for 2017. The County experienced an increase in volunteers from the 2016 year of 785 volunteers to the 2017 year of 847 volunteers, along with an increase in volunteer hours.

<b>Stanislaus County Volunteer Program</b>		
<b>2017 Annual Report</b>		
<b>January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017</b>		
<b>Department Name</b>	<b>Number of Volunteers</b>	<b>Number of Volunteer Hours</b>
Animal Services - (JPA) *	335	45,812.95
Aging/Veterans Services	82	4,792.70
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services	104	28,770.29
Chief Executive Office	1	35.50
Community Services Agency	3	463.50
Environmental Resources*	3	641.80
District Attorney	9	1,143.06
Health Services Agency	22	3,282.00
Library*	203	6,157.01
Parks and Recreation*	5	2,992.00
Probation	6	794.20
Sheriff's Office - Explorers	33	7,172.57
Sheriff's Office - STARS	41	12,349.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>114,406.58</b>
<i>* Animal Services, Library, and DER/Parks have one time event hours included in the total hours.</i>		

### **Department Volunteer Program Achievements for 2017**

The Departments of Environmental Resources and Parks and Recreation (DER) have outstanding volunteers who have been assisting at Frank Raines Park for a number of years. Their efforts have been focused on organizing the Friends of Frank Raines nonprofit club to support the volunteer efforts at the park and have performed a great deal of work. They have organized work parties to paint the Recreation Hall and Restrooms, performed a great deal of trail maintenance, and perform outreach while at the park to educate users about the need to stay on the trail and be good stewards of the land. These individuals were recently recognized by California Off-Road Vehicle Association for all they have contributed.

Other volunteers in DER have assisted the department in complying with the State's AB 341 Mandatory Commercial Recycling law. This assembly bill requires businesses and multi-family units of 5 units or more (MFU) that generate 4 cubic yards or more of garbage to have in place a recycling program. The successful support from volunteers assisted in bringing 232 businesses and 17 MFUs into compliance. Volunteers with the power of positive customer service and an enthusiastic attitude go a long way in representing Stanislaus County well.

Volunteers with the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency bring compassion and kindness for helping our furry friends in a variety of ways. Their valuable contributions range from walking dogs, brushing cats, supporting grooming needs, cleaning kennels, feeding animals, and assisting interested community members in adopting a new family “pet” member. Volunteers provide a personal touch through the foster program taking cats or dogs home for medical reasons, positive behavior reinforcement, and/or a vacation break from the shelter setting. The Stanislaus Animal Services Agency program supports the largest volunteer based department in the County.

The Department of Aging and Veterans Services has many volunteers who assist with Project HOPE Friendly Visitors Program. Volunteers 18 years of age and older provide social visits to isolated seniors a minimum of twice per month for an hour each visit. The goal of the program is to provide socialization for seniors with mild depression or those at risk of depression. These individuals often have limited, if any, social support and the visits improve their mood and feeling of wellbeing. The program has more than 30 active Friendly Visitors. Through the Project HOPE Friendly Visitors Program, the seniors have been connected to other available services to bring higher quality of the life to their surroundings.

The Sheriff Department’s STARS volunteers continue to be of support by providing “eyes and ears” throughout our cities. In 2017, STARS participated in the Woodward Life Jacket Program, helped at the Country Fair, provided front lobby support at the Office of Emergency Services counter, served 146 subpoenas, participated in seven neighborhood watch meetings, and patrolled over 3,500 hours communitywide. The STARS volunteers continue to be a bright light in our cities.

We are pleased to honor all the volunteers today and every day. County departments recognize their volunteers by presenting Board of Supervisors certificates at many of the special annual celebration events highlighting the accomplishments of the entire volunteer team(s).

**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:**

The recommended action is consistent with the Board’s priority of *Delivering Efficient Public Services and Community Infrastructure* by acknowledging the benefit County volunteers provide to our residents and businesses.

**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 2017.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Linda Chambers – Chief Executive Office      209-525-6333

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. National Volunteer Week Resolution

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Item # 5.B.5

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROCLAIM  
THE WEEK OF APRIL 15, 2018 - April 21, 2018 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 114,406.58 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 847 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 15, 2018 to April 21, 2018 as Volunteer Week in Stanislaus County.

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

  
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