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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for James L. Featherstone - Acting Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Safely Surrendered Baby Sites

RECOMMENDATION

Acting Director of Health and Human Services requests approval to establish Safely Surrendered Baby sites at all fire stations in the County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To protect the health and safety of unwanted newborn children, California law allows for a parent of a child less than 72 hours old to surrender the child voluntarily without being prosecuted for child abandonment. The child must be surrendered to an employee or officer of a hospital or other location designated by the county Board of Supervisors. This action formally designates the 24 fire departments in the county as Safely Surrendered Baby Sites.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In many California counties, fire departments are designated by the county Board of Supervisors as Safely

Surrendered Baby sites. In Napa County, HHSA's Child Welfare Services program has worked with the City of Napa Fire Department to establish appropriate materials, procedures and training so that all fire departments in the county are able to respond appropriately to a surrendered baby should the Board designate fire departments as Safely Surrendered Baby sites. The City of Napa Fire Department has taken responsibility for sharing this information with all other fire departments in the county (including the other cities in the county, the county, and volunteer fire departments). Designated sites are required to post the Safely Surrendered Baby statewide logo.

A list of the proposed designated sites is attached.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Safely Surrender Sites

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Meegan Condon