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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Proclamation declaring May as "Mental Health Month"

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a proclamation declaring May as "Mental Health Month" in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of this proclamation will declare the month of May as "Mental Health Month" with the goal of increasing public awareness of severe mental illness and promoting greater understanding for those who suffer from the potentially disabling symptoms of these disorders.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Following the tradition of a nationally recognized Mental Health Month celebrated annually since 1949, Governor Schwarzenegger has this year proclaimed the month of May as Mental Health Month. By making a similar proclamation, the Napa County Board of Supervisors hope to raise awareness of mental health issues and remind

local residents to take care of their own mental health needs as a critical component of their overall well-being.

One in five Californians will experience a mental illness at some point during their lives. Mental illness affects individuals regardless of demographic factors such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, location, or economic status. Mental illnesses are treatable and recovery is possible; yet, because of the stigma and discrimination long associated with mental illness, many mentally ill persons are reluctant to seek treatment.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Mental Health Month Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita