



A Tradition of Stewardship  
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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services

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**SUBJECT:** Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Week of September 19, 2010 as "Fall Prevention Awareness Week"

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Presentation of a proclamation to Kris Brown, Health and Human Services Agency Deputy Director, Comprehensive Services for Older Adults, declaring the week of September 19-25, 2010 as "Fall Prevention Awareness Week" in Napa County. (Chair Dillon)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A proclamation, declaring the week of September 19, 2010 as "Fall Prevention Awareness Week" in Napa County, in order to raise awareness of the issue of preventing older citizens from falling and sustaining injuries, is being presented.

### **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**

On February 8, 2008, State Sen. Alan Lowenthal introduced "Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) No. 77 - Relative to Fall Prevention." SCR 77, which passed on August 7, 2008, recommends that:

1. the California Department of Aging, and local agencies on aging, incorporate fall prevention in their upcoming master plans.
2. the California Health and Human Services Agency develop standardized definitions and reporting methods that will improve available information on falls suffered by older adults.
3. fall prevention guidelines be incorporated into state and local planning documents that affect housing, transportation, parks, recreational and other public facilities.

On the Federal level, U.S. Sens. Mike Enzi (R-WY) and Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) introduced "S. 845 - Safety of Seniors Act of 2007," which called for the expansion of public health programs, educational outreach, and research activities related to fall prevention. On April 23, 2008, President George W. Bush signed S. 845 into law.

In relation to the above State and Federal actions, today's proclamation, declaring the week of September 19-25, 2010 as "Fall Prevention Awareness Week" in Napa County, seeks to raise awareness of the frequency of unintentional falls by older adults, and the harm such falls can have to their lives, independence and overall health.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins