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Legislation Text

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Environmental Management Department recommending adoption of Resolution **089-2007** declaring the week of April 23 through April 29, 2007 as "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" in El Dorado County.

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$.00
Funding		
Budgeted	\$	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$	
Change To Net County Cost		\$.00

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

There is no Net County Cost or Fiscal Impact to the General Fund

Background:

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that can result in debilitating cases of meningitis, encephalitis and death to humans, horses, avian species and other wildlife. In the last two years, West Nile virus has killed 24 people in California and sickened nearly 1,200 others. According to experts, West Nile virus will again pose a public health threat in California in 2007. A West Nile virus outbreak in our state threatens public health and possibly California's tourism.

Reason for Recommendation:

On behalf of El Dorado County Vector Control, the Department respectfully requests that El Dorado County adopt the attached resolution recognizing April 23 through April 29, 2007 as "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week."

By recognizing this week, the County will increase public awareness regarding the threat of the West Nile virus and encourage county residents to eliminate mosquito-breeding sites on their property and implement necessary precautions when mosquito activity is high. The Environmental Management Department would like to recognize the heightened public service provided by the mosquito control districts and the environmental and public health professional staff that work year-round to control mosquitoes and enhance public awareness to prevent disease and allow Californians to enjoy the outdoors.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

Upon execution by the Chair, the Board Clerk's office will forward the executed Resolution to the Environmental Management Department for further processing.

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