



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency recommending the Board:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a proclamation to recognize April 23-29, 2017 as National Volunteer Week; and
- 2) Recognize and formally thank the volunteers who work with the Health and Human Services Agency for their time and energy to support and improve our community. (Est. Time: 10 Min.)

FUNDING: N/A

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

The Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) recommending the Board authorize the Chair to sign a Proclamation to recognize April 23-29, 2017 as National Volunteer Week, and to formally thank those who volunteer their time and energy to support and improve our community.

The support provided by volunteers in HHSA often allows HHSA to enhance services, and in some cases, make possible, programs or services that would otherwise not be available. Volunteers frequently have a profound impact on the lives of those receiving services, and their support is greatly appreciated and valued.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

National Volunteer Week is an annual celebration observed in the United States to promote and show appreciation for volunteerism. In 1974, President Richard Nixon first established National Volunteer Week via Presidential Proclamation 4288, and every sitting U.S. President since that time has issued a proclamation during National Volunteer Week to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers.

More than 600 volunteers in HHSA provide vital support to many Agency programs. Volunteer service in HHSA is provided across a wide spectrum of programs, and volunteers offer their assistance and skills by performing multiple services such as congregate and home delivered meal service to seniors, exercising and socializing shelter animals, assisting at the Mental Health Wellness Center, checking on the welfare of seniors living alone, providing supervised visitation for families with children in protective custody, assisting with flu clinics, receiving complaints regarding long term care facilities, and providing entertainment for senior day care members. These volunteer services enhance existing services and make additional services available that otherwise may not be provided.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with this Proclamation.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- 1) Clerk of the Board to obtain signature of Chair on a Proclamation recognizing April 23-29, 2017 as National Volunteer Week.
- 2) Clerk of the Board to return signed Proclamation to HHSA Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

Health and Human Services Agency Strategic Plan Project 1.4,
"Volunteer/Internship Program," Objective 1.4.4, "Develop a Volunteer Recognition
Program to annually acknowledge the contributions of Volunteers in HHSA."

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