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Health and Human Services Agency recommending the Board adopt and authorize the Chair to sign a Proclamation recognizing April 8, 2018 through April 14, 2018 as “Animal Care and Control Week” in the County of El Dorado. (Est. Time: 5 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 8, 2018 through April 14, 2018 as Animal Care and Control Week, acknowledging the dedicated services provided by all Animal Services staff who daily serve the animals and residents of El Dorado County.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:
The National Animal Care & Control Association began presenting national awards in 1988 at their annual training conference. This recognition is of the men and women who dedicate their lives to preserving the human/animal bond by insisting upon responsible pet ownership.

The County’s Animal Services Officers are available twenty-four (24) hours each day, seven (7) days each week, every day of the year. Animal Services support staff care for all of the animals located at each of the two County animal shelters every day, regardless of weather conditions.

Each Animal Services Officer must pass and maintain the necessary law enforcement training to effectively perform their duties in the field. They are often called upon to accompany local law enforcement to remove and care for animals when local law enforcement needs Animal Services’ assistance. This extends to disasters and emergencies like the King Ranch Fire. In addition, Animal Services provides assistance to other counties when they request mutual aid for a disaster or emergency in the requesting county.

ALTERNATIVES:
The Board of Supervisors may elect to not adopt this Proclamation to recognize April 8, 2018 through April 14, 2018 as Animal Care and Control Week.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:
N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
N/A

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

1. Clerk of the Board to obtain the Chair's signature on two (2) Proclamations.
2. Clerk of the Board to present one (1) signed Proclamation to the Chief Animal Control Officer after it is read.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:
N/A

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