



## Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign a proclamation to recognize April 19 - 25, 2020 as National Volunteer Week.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**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 entertaining senior day care members, congregate and home delivery meal service for older adults, reassurance calls to older adults living alone, providing support to at-risk older adults, assisting at the Behavioral Health Wellness Center, exercising and socializing animals, cleaning shelter kennels, driving older adults to grocery shop and other social events, helping older adults understand and enroll in Medicare, assisting with flu clinics, and receiving complaints regarding long term care facilities just to name a few. These volunteer services enhance existing services and make additional services available that otherwise may not be provided.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION:**

- 1) 4/9/19, 19-0410, HHSA National Volunteer Week
- 2) 4/24/18, 18-0288, HHSA National Volunteer Week

**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 19-25, 2020 as

National Volunteer Week.

2) Clerk of the Board to return signed Proclamation to HHSA Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Road.

**STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:**

N/A

**CONTACT**

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