

County of El Dorado

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PRESENTATION by Human Services Department, on behalf of the El Dorado County Commission on Aging, of a proclamation designating May, 2009 as Older Americans Month in the County of El Dorado and presenting certificates to each nominee; and, announcement of the 2009 Senior of the Year.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: None.

Reason for Recommendation:

Annually the Federal Government declares the month of May as "Older Americans Month", and the State proclaims May as "Older Californians Month". The 2009 theme is "Living Today for a Better Tomorrow". The attached Proclamation designates May, 2009 as Older Americans Month in El Dorado County to pay tribute to the rapidly increasing older population in local communities and throughout the world, encourage older Americans to maintain their independence by accessing those support services available to them, and further encourage all businesses, public and private, schools, groups and citizens to celebrate our nation's senior citizens. A local celebration sponsored by the El Dorado County Area Agency on Aging and Commission on Aging is scheduled on May 27th at each Senior Nutrition mealsite. The proclamation declaring May as Older Americans Month in El Dorado County will be read at each site.

Every year, members of the public are invited to nominate a senior they believe has made a significant contribution to the local community to be considered for designation as Senior of the Year. A panel of Commission on Aging members reviews the nominations and awards this prestigious title to the nominee they believe, based on information presented in the nomination, best demonstrates selfless dedication to serving their fellow County residents and the community at large. A perpetual Senior of the Year trophy is traditionally presented annually to the senior selected to receive this honor, and the deserving nominees each receive a certificate in recognition of their contributions to the community.

The nomination and selection process will be completed prior to the Board meeting date and presentations of certificates for the nominees and the trophy for the Senior of the Year will be made on that date.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

Board Clerk to provide Human Services at Spring Street with Older Americans Month Proclamation signed by the Chairman.

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Concurrences: N/A

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