

**MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Teri Sayad-Ivaldi

DATE: April 10, 2012

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION - Approve a Proclamation in support of the "Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week, April 22-28 2012.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Proclamation in support of the "Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week, April 22-28 2012.

BACKGROUND

The Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District is a special district that serves all of Placer County. Mosquito technicians are certified by the State of California Department of Public Health in pesticide usage, mosquito and vector identification. They conduct constant surveillance to locate mosquito breeding sources and to solve mosquito problems using physical, biological and chemical means along with public education.

Sources such as creeks, wetlands, vernal pools and other naturally-occurring habitats, along with man-made sources are inspected. Agricultural, industrial, and residential sources are also routinely inspected and treated as needed.

The objectives of the program are to control or eliminate existing mosquito breeding sources and to prevent new ones to protect public health and comfort.

Human testing for West Nile Virus (WNV) is provided by the Placer County Public Health Laboratory.

Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week is April 22-28 2012. The Placer Mosquito Abatement District is hoping to raise awareness of WNV a potentially serious illness. Experts believe WNV is established as a seasonal epidemic in North America that flares up in the summer and continues into the fall.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF MOSQUITO AND WEST NILE VIRUS AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 22-28, 2012

The following PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held, April 10, 2012.

WHEREAS, the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has designated the week of April 22 to April 28, 2012, as "MOSQUITO AND WEST NILE VIRUS AWARENESS WEEK"; and

WHEREAS, the State of California recognizes that mosquito-borne diseases are a grave threat to the health and safety of all Californians as early as this spring and for the foreseeable future, with West Nile virus resulting in nine human deaths and 176 individuals testing positive for the virus in 2011; and

WHEREAS, mosquito control matters, with adequately funded, science-based, professional mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance and public awareness programs being the best way to prevent outbreaks of diseases transmitted by mosquitoes and other vectors; and

WHEREAS, the Placer Mosquito & Vector Control District works with mosquito and vector control districts throughout California, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State Department of Public Health to reduce pesticide risks to humans, animals and the environment, while protecting humans from mosquito and vector borne diseases and nuisances; also human exposure is monitored through testing provided by the Placer County Public Health Laboratory, and

WHEREAS, "MOSQUITO AND WEST NILE VIRUS AWARENESS WEEK", will increase the public's awareness of the threat of diseases and encourage the public to take action in preventing mosquito-transmitted disease, and will highlight the activities of the various mosquito and vector research and control agencies working to minimize the health threat within California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of Placer County, State of California, hereby proclaims April 22 to April 28, 2012 as "MOSQUITO AND WEST NILE VIRUS AWARENESS WEEK" in Placer County

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