

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bill Santucci, Supervisor District 1

DATE: November 7, 2006

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION – Approve a Proclamation declaring November as Prematurity Awareness Month in Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Proclamation declaring November as Prematurity Awareness Month in Placer County.

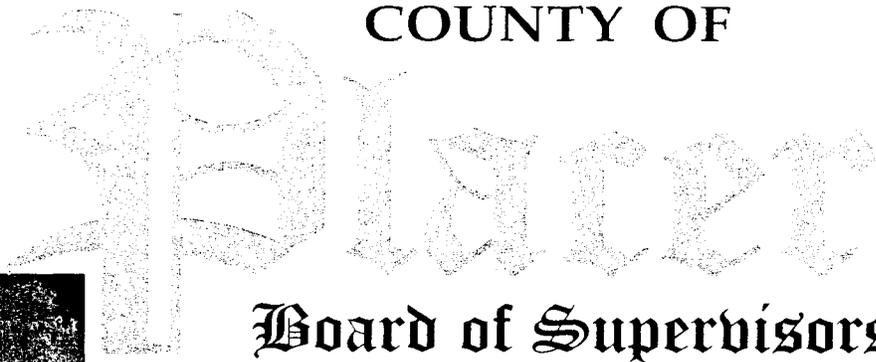
BACKGROUND

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. The organization was founded in 1938 and has funded research programs, community services, education and advocacy efforts to save babies ever since they began. The causes of nearly half of all premature births are unknown, leaving all families at risk. According to recent statistics, since 1981, the number of premature births has increased by 30 percent in the United States. As a result, in 2003, the March of Dimes launched a campaign to address the increasing rate of premature birth. As a part of that campaign, November has been designated as Prematurity Awareness Month.

FISCAL IMPACT

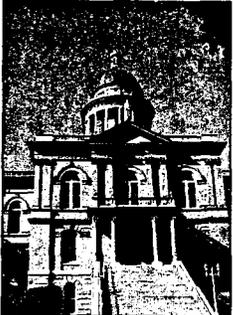
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Board of Supervisors

PROCLAMATION



**In the Matter of a Proclamation declaring
November as Prematurity Awareness Month
in Placer County.**

WHEREAS, the mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes launched a campaign in 2003 to address the increasing rate of premature births in America; and

WHEREAS, the two main goals of the Prematurity Awareness Campaign are to better inform the public about the serious problem of premature births in America and to lower the rate of prematurity by 2010. This objective can only be achieved through increased education and research; and

WHEREAS, November has been designated nationally as Prematurity Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, 1,367 premature babies are born every day; and

WHEREAS, premature birth threatens the lives and health of more than 500,000 babies every year; and

WHEREAS, premature birth is the number one killer of newborns in America; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is leading a national effort to save babies from premature birth by funding research to find the causes and by supporting local programs that offer hope and help to families with a baby in intensive care.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, on this 7th day of November, 2006, the Placer County Board of Supervisors hereby declares November to be Prematurity Awareness Month in Placer County and wishes the March of Dimes success in their research and public awareness efforts to significantly reduce the number of premature births in America.

Bill Santucci,
Chairman

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Supervisor, District 2

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Supervisor, District 3

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