

**MEMORANDUM  
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Adult System of Care**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.  
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Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

**DATE:** November 3, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Resolution proclaiming the week of November 16-20, 2009 as Placer County In Home Support Services (IHSS) Caregiver Recognition Week

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the attached Resolution proclaiming the week of November 16-20, 2009 as Placer County IHSS Caregiver Recognition Week.

**BACKGROUND:**

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) caregivers provide home care services and supports which make it possible for approximately 3,000 low-income disabled and elderly residents in Placer County to remain living independently in their homes, rather than requiring more expensive institutional care. In addition, a recent survey of IHSS recipients showed that 83 percent of survey respondents indicated that the presence of an IHSS caregiver prevented a hospital stay within the previous 120 days.

An older adult needs assessment, completed in April 2008, found that Placer County's older adults have a strong desire to "age in place", remaining in their homes and communities; and that they hope to have the services that will allow them to fulfill this wish. Providing services and support for the disabled and elderly to remain living in their homes is a humane, dignified, compassionate and cost-effective alternative to hospitalization or other institutional placement. The work done by Placer County's IHSS caregivers promotes independence, dignity, and quality-of-life for Placer County's disabled and elderly residents; and, the work requires great sensitivity, honesty, patience, trust, commitment, dedication, and compassion.

The Placer County Health and Human Services Department, and Placer County's IHSS Public Authority and IHSS Advisory Committee are committed to acknowledging the contributions and importance of Placer County's IHSS caregivers, through proclaiming the week of November 16-20, 2009 as Placer County IHSS Caregiver Recognition Week.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.