



**MEMORANDUM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Placer**

TO: Board of Supervisors **DATE:** March 7, 2017
FROM: Teri Ivaldi, Chief of Staff
SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION – Approve a proclamation recognizing March 2017 as March for Meals Month in Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a proclamation recognizing March 2017 as March for Meals Month in Placer County.

BACKGROUND

On March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older.

Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home-delivered, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America.

Meals on Wheels programs – both congregate and home-delivered, in Placer County have served our communities admirably for more than 32 years in Placer County.

Volunteers for Meals on Wheels programs in Placer County are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to seniors and individuals with disabilities who are at significant risk of hunger and isolation, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare.

The Meals on Wheels programs in Placer County provide nutritious meals to seniors throughout the county that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization. Meals on Wheels programs in Placer County provide a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation.

Meals on Wheels programs in Placer County deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to local communities, our State and our Nation.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Proclamation

**IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2017 AS
MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH IN PLACER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home-delivered, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 observance of March for Meals provides an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs – both congregate and home-delivered, in Placer County have served our communities admirably for more than 32 years in Placer County; and

WHEREAS, volunteers for Meals on Wheels programs in Placer County are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to seniors and individuals with disabilities who are at significant risk of hunger and isolation, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Placer County provide nutritious meals to seniors throughout the county that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Placer County provide a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Placer County deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to local communities, our State and our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the above PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, at a regular meeting held, March 7, 2017, proclaiming the month of March as March for Meals Month and urge every citizen to take this month to honor our Meals on Wheels programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the national 2017 March for Meals can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.

Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor, District 5
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