

**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.  
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services  
Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

**DATE:** November 4, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Placer County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Caregiver Recognition Week

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the attached Resolution proclaiming the week of November 9-15, 2008 as Placer County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Caregiver Recognition Week.

**BACKGROUND:**

During the current fiscal year, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) caregivers will provide home care services and support which will make it possible for 2,600 low-income disabled and elderly residents in Placer County to remain living independently in their homes, rather than requiring more expensive institutional care. Based on the 2,600 recipients served, and the difference between the costs of IHSS and institutional care, there is a potential overall healthcare system savings of \$123,501,560 per year made possible by the work of IHSS caregivers. In addition, a recent survey of IHSS recipients showed that 82% of survey respondents indicated that the presence of an IHSS caregiver prevented a hospital stay within the previous 120 days.

The recently completed older adult needs assessment 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 9-15, 2008 as Placer County IHSS Caregiver Recognition Week.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proclaim the week of November 9-15, 2008 as  
Placer County In-Home Supportive Services  
Caregiver Recognition Week**

Ord. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of said Board

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**WHEREAS**, numerous national organizations have joined together in declaring the month of November 2008 as National Home Care Month in recognition of the valuable contributions of home care workers, and the California Legislature has proclaimed the second week of November as In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Home Care Recognition Week; and

**WHEREAS**, in fiscal year 2008-2009 IHSS caregivers will provide home care services and support which will make it possible for 2,600 low-income disabled and elderly residents in Placer County to remain living independently in their homes, and based on the 2,600 recipients served, and the difference between the costs of IHSS and institutional care, there is a potential overall healthcare system savings of \$123,501,560 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent survey of IHSS recipients showed that 82% of survey respondents indicated that the presence of an IHSS caregiver prevented a hospital stay within the previous 120 days; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of Placer County's IHSS caregivers promotes independence, dignity, and quality-of-life for Placer County's disabled and elderly residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of Placer County's IHSS caregivers requires great sensitivity, honesty, patience, trust, commitment, dedication, and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, 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,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California hereby adopts this resolution and proclaims the week of November 9-15, 2008 as Placer County IHSS Caregiver Recognition Week.

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