

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

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Rocky Rockholm, Supervisor District 1  
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

**DATE:** April 7, 2009

**SUBJECT:** **PROCLAMATION** -Present a Proclamation declaring April, 2009 as  
"Parliamentary Law Month" in Placer County.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Present a Proclamation declaring April, 2009 as "Parliamentary Law Month" in Placer County.

**BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

California will celebrate April, 2009 as "Parliamentary Law Month" to raise awareness of the impact parliamentary law plays on our businesses and communities. The Sierra Area Parliamentarians, which encompasses Placer County, and the California State Association of Parliamentarians, and the National Association of Parliamentarians stress and foster parliamentary procedures in order to educate the public, promote the spirit of justice and fairness, and provide an opportunity for developing leadership. The National Association of Parliamentarians encourages knowledge of parliamentary procedure as a valuable skill which can enhance efficiency in organizational meetings.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**In the matter of a Proclamation  
declaring April 2009 as  
"Parliamentary Law Month" in Placer County**

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to honor both Thomas Jefferson, author of the first American manual of parliamentary practice in his birth month, and Henry Martyn Robert, author of Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies, familiarly known as Robert's Rules of Order; and

**WHEREAS**, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10<sup>th</sup> edition) is widely recognized as the leading parliamentary authority; and

**WHEREAS**, it is timely to reflect upon the importance of parliamentary procedure in the meetings of private and public organizations, including governmental; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Parliamentarians, (NAP) has authorized the NAP President to designate April as Parliamentary Law Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sierra Area Parliamentarians, which encompasses Placer County, and the California State Association of Parliamentarians, and the National Association of Parliamentarians stress and foster parliamentary procedures in order to educate the public, promote the spirit of justice and fairness, and provide an opportunity for developing leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Placer County Supervisors recognize and honor those organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and the National Association of Parliamentarians is one such worthy organization.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT** The Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare April 2009 as Parliamentary Law Month and encourages all to reflect on the value and importance of parliamentary procedure.

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