

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

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer  
**DATE:** April 7, 2009

**SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION** - Approve a Proclamation declaring April 20 – 24, 2009 as, “West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week” in the County of Placer.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a Proclamation declaring April 20 – 24, 2009 as, “West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week” in the County of Placer.

**BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

The State Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control predict West Nile virus will again pose a public health threat in California in 2009. In order to increase public awareness, the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has designated the week of April 20 through April 24, 2009, as “West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week” in the State of California. Through increased public awareness programs like this, it is hoped that the number of illnesses and deaths associated with West Nile virus will continue to decrease over time.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

In the matter of a Proclamation declaring  
April 20 through April 24, 2009 as, "West Nile  
Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness  
Week" in Placer County

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, West Nile virus killed 15 people in California and sickened over 445 individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control predict West Nile virus will again pose a public health threat in California in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, adequately funded mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance and public awareness programs are the best ways to prevent the spread of West Nile virus and other mosquito and vector borne diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, educational programs have been developed for schools, civic groups, private industry, and government agencies, in order to help the public understand how to protect themselves from West Nile virus by: staying indoors when mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk; wearing pants, long-sleeved shirts and repellents containing DEET; eliminating standing water that can support mosquito breeding, including proper maintenance of swimming pools; and alerting the local vector control district to significant mosquito infestations; and

**WHEREAS**, "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" will increase the public's awareness of the threat of West Nile virus and other diseases and the activities of the mosquito and vector research and control agencies to minimize the health threat within California, and will highlight the educational programs currently available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has designated the week of April 20 through April 24, 2009, as "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" in the State of California.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT** the Placer County Board of Supervisors declares the week of April 20 through April 24, 2009 as "West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week" in Placer County.

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