

**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, Adult System of Care

DATE: November 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution Proclaiming the Week of November 7-13, 2011 as Placer County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Caregiver Recognition Week

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the attached Resolution proclaiming the week of November 7-13, 2011 as Placer County IHSS Caregiver Recognition Week.

BACKGROUND:

It is projected that during the current fiscal year, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) caregivers will provide home care services and supports which will 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. Based on the projected 3,000 recipients served, and the difference between the costs of IHSS and institutional care, there is a potential savings of public funds in excess of \$140,000,000 per year made possible by the work of IHSS caregivers. In addition, a recent survey of IHSS recipients showed that 84 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 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. This 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 7-13, 2011 as Placer County IHSS Caregiver Recognition Week.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No: _____

**Proclaim the week of November 7-13, 2011 as Placer
County IHSS 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

WHEREAS, numerous national organizations have joined together in declaring the month of November 2011 as National Home Care Month in recognition of the valuable contributions of home care workers, and the California Legislature has proclaimed the 2nd week of November as In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Home Care Recognition Week; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2011-2012 IHSS caregivers will provide home care services and supports which will make it possible for approximately 3,000 low-income disabled and elderly residents in Placer County to remain living independently in their homes, and based on the projected 3,000 recipients served, and the difference between the costs of IHSS and institutional care, there is a potential savings of public funds in excess of \$140,000,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, a survey of IHSS recipients showed that 83% 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 7-13, 2011 as Placer County IHSS Caregiver Recognition Week.

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