

<b>COUNTY OF SONOMA AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY REPORT</b>			Clerk of the Board Use Only Meeting Date                      Held Until ___/___/___                              ___/___/___	
			Agenda Item No:                      Agenda Item No: _____                                      _____	
<b>Department:</b> Human Resources			<b>(    ) 4/5 Vote Required</b>	
<b>Contact:</b> Tom Richardson	<b>Phone:</b> (707) 565-2391	<b>Board Date:</b> 5-5-09	<b>Deadline for Board Action:</b>	
<b>Agenda Short Title:</b> Public Service Recognition Week 2009				
<b>Requested Board Action:</b>  Approve and pass resolution proclaiming the week of May 4 – May 10, 2009 as Public Service Recognition Week in Sonoma County.				
<b>CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT</b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			<b><u>Add'l Funds Requiring Board Approval</u></b>	
Estimated Cost	\$		Contingencies	\$
			(Fund Name: )	
Amount Budgeted	\$		Unanticipated Revenue	\$
			(Source: )	
Other Avail Approp (Explain below)	\$	_____	Other Transfer(s)	\$
			(Source: )	_____
<b>Additional Requested:</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>Add'l Funds Requested:</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Explanation (if required):</b>				
<b>Prior Board Action(s):</b> For the past twelve years, the Board has proclaimed Public Service Recognition Week in Sonoma County.				
<b>Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:</b> We miss the opportunity to foster positive staff morale through recognition and socialization.				

**Background:**

Public Service Recognition Week is sponsored nationally by the Public Employees Roundtable to encourage government at all levels to draw attention to the importance of public service. Each year, coordinated by the Human Resources Department, a committee is formed to design activities that draw attention to the importance of service to the public.

The County of Sonoma began honoring Public Service Recognition Week in 1997. An article was published in the County Reporter and the Press Democrat featuring County services. The KUDOS program, encouraging employees to recognize each other's accomplishments, was also instituted, and a special event to recognize those employees who worked in the '97 Flood was held.

In 1998, the County unveiled the "Case of Excellence" in the lobby of the Administration Building, highlighting excellent service by County employees in conjunction with the Customer Service Advisory Group.

In 1999, the County presented the first "Pasta Feed" celebration for employees. This popular event is self-supported through ticket sales and provides employees with the opportunity to celebrate their service to the public.

Since 2000, informational packets have been distributed to department heads, describing the history of the national week of recognition, suggesting ways each department can celebrate public service and announcing the annual "Pasta Feed."

In 2009, the Pasta Feed is planned for Wednesday, May 6 at the County Complex and Thursday, May 7 at the Airport location. Costs for the event are met by ticket sales to attendees. Again, informational packets were sent out to Department Heads and customer service representatives.

**Attachments:** Resolution

**On File With Clerk:**

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**Board Action** (If other than "Requested")

**Vote:**
