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| COUNTY OF SONOMA AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY REPORT | | | Clerk of the Board Use Only Meeting Date Held Until ___/___/___ ___/___/___ Agenda Item No: Agenda Item No: _____ _____ |
| Department: Human Resources | | | () 4/5 Vote Required |
| Contact: Nadine Jaillet | Phone: (707) 565-2693 | Board Date: 9/1/09 | Deadline for Board Action: |
| <p>Agenda Short Title: Race Equality Week - 2009</p> <p>Requested Board Action: Resolution proclaiming September 13 – 20, 2009 to be Race Equality Week in Sonoma County.</p> | | | |
| CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT | | | |
| <u>Expenditures</u> Estimated Cost \$ _____ Amount Budgeted \$ _____ Other Avail Approp \$ _____ (Explain below) | | <u>Add'l Funds Requiring Board Approval</u> Contingencies \$ _____ (Fund Name:) Unanticipated Revenue \$ _____ (Source:) Other Transfer(s) \$ _____ (Source:) | |
| Additional Requested: \$ _____ | | Add'l Funds Requested: \$ _____ | |
| Explanation (if required): | | | |
| Prior Board Action(s): 10/11/2005 – Board proclaimed Oct 15 - 23, 2005 to be Race Equality Week in Sonoma County 10/10/2006 – Board proclaimed Oct 7 - 15, 2006 to be Race Equality Week in Sonoma County 09/11/2007 – Board proclaimed Sep 24 - 30, 2007 to be Race Equality Week in Sonoma County 09/09/2008 – Board proclaimed Sep 14 - 21, 2008 to be Race Equality Week in Sonoma County | | | |
| Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: | | | |

Background:

The 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States was adopted in 1868 giving all persons born or naturalized in the United States the right to due process and equal protection under the law. In 1964, the Civil Rights Act was adopted banning discrimination because of an individual's color, race, national origin or sex. These laws provide protection for basic human rights. In January of 1993, the County of Sonoma established the Commission on Human Rights and charged it with "promoting better human relations between all people in Sonoma County and with fostering recognition of and appreciation for the cultural diversity of our community."

In 2003, the City of Santa Rosa and other organizations established **Race Equality Week** to counter the racism and discrimination that remain as issues in our community. The purpose of this week is twofold: first, to spotlight the issues of racism and discrimination, and the accompanying problems they create for many in our community; and second, to showcase what Santa Rosa and Sonoma County are doing to promote race equality and celebrate our diversity.

This year, the Sixth Annual **Race Equality Week** will be held from September 13 through 20, 2009. The Commission on Human Rights has partnered with many organizations throughout the community to plan and support this important event.

The Commission is represented during the Race Equality Week Planning Committee meetings and the Commission plans to have an informational table at this year's event. The Commission on Human Rights is requesting that the County join the City of Santa Rosa in proclaiming September 13 through 20, 2009 as Race Equality Week in Sonoma County.

Attachments: Resolution

On File With Clerk:

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

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