



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: CEO  
Department No.: 012  
For Agenda Of: April 14, 2015  
Placement: Department  
Estimated Time: 15  
Continued Item: NO  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: N/A

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Dept. Director Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer *MM*  
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**SUBJECT:** Commission for Women 2015 Women's History Month Service Awards

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Receive and file the Commission for Women's 2015 Women's History Month Service Awards Presentation on April 14, 2015.

**Summary Text:**

One organization from each Supervisorial District will be honored. The five organizations that will be honored in 2015 are the following:

1st District: Adsum Education Foundation  
2nd District: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)  
3rd District: Active Minds, University of California, Santa Barbara  
4th District: Recovery Way Home, Good Samaritan Services, Inc.  
5th District: Santa Maria Women's Network

A description of each award recipient can be found on the attached document. A reception will follow the ceremony and the public is invited to attend.

**Background:**

The celebration of women and their historical contributions to society first began in 1911, with numerous European Nations formally recognizing March as “International Women’s Day”. In 1978, California’s Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women first pioneered a celebratory week of Women in History to coincide with the established international recognition. Three years later, in 1981, the United States Congress went a step further by passing a resolution establishing a “National Women’s History Week”, where schools and various other organizations would feature special projects, exhibitions, sponsored talks, and the distribution of materials honoring Women’s History. Participation quickly spread and in 1987, Congress expanded the designated week to a month long commemoration.

Many outstanding local organizations advocate for women and girls in need on a regular basis. To recognize, honor, and celebrate the achievements of these organizations, the County of Santa Barbara Commission for Women established the Women’s History Month Service Awards. In honor of National Women’s History Month, the Commission for Women annually celebrates the contributions women make every day throughout the Santa Barbara community.

**Performance Measure:** N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** N/A

**Budgeted:** N/A

**Fiscal Analysis:** N/A

**Narrative:** N/A

**Staffing Impacts:** N/A

**Special Instructions:** N/A

**Attachments:**

Description of the 2015 Women’s History Month Service Award recipients

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