

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:

Prepared on: 3/13/01
Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
Agenda Date: 4/3/01
Placement: Departmental
Estimate Time: 10:00 Time Certain
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Charlene A. Chase, Director
Dept. of Social Services

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SUBJECT: 2001 CHILD FRIENDLY AWARDS

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors

1. approve the resolution proclaiming April the "Month of the Young Child", and
2. present the CHILD FRIENDLY AWARDS to selected individuals from each supervisorial district and two countywide awards to groups who have made outstanding contributions to children and youth in our county.

Alignment With Board Strategic Plan: The recommendations(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 7: Strengthen the Safety and Well-being of Children and Their Families to Ensure a Strong Future for our Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion: The Child Friendly Award was established in 1989 to honor individuals and groups who have made substantial and or unusual contributions to children in our county. One person from each supervisorial district and two countywide groups are chosen for this honor each year by a committee of the KIDS Network, which selects winners from nominations received from the community. The Proclamation for "Month of the Young Child" will be accepted this year by Lorraine Neenan, President of the Tri-Counties Association for the Education of Young Children.

Individual Awards:

First District: Vivian Soldavini
Second District: Nancy Revlin
Third District: Michael Balaban
Fourth District: Don & Penny Pommerville
Fifth District: Pat Teniente

Group Awards:

Winner: The "Hug-a-Bear" Program
Honorable Mention: The Hadassah Tutors

Descriptions of each individual's and group's service are attached. The honorees will receive their awards at 10:00 a.m. (time certain). KIDS Network has made arrangements for a Public Reception honoring the Winners and commemorating the Month of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Reception will be held in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room in Santa Barbara immediately following the awards ceremony. This year the Reception is co-sponsored by the County of Santa Barbara Children and Families Commission. Members of the Board, media representatives and the public are invited to attend.

Mandates and Services Levels:

No change.

Fiscal and Facilities Impact:

None.

Special Instructions:

After approval by the Chair of the Board, please return one (1) certified copy of the Minute Order to the KIDS Network, c/o Dept. of Social Services, Santa Maria, Attention Rachel M. Guzman and (1) copy of the Minute Order to Joanna Berman, c/o Social Services, Santa Barbara.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Winner's Service Descriptions

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION) RESOLUTION NO. 2001-
TO PROCLAIM APRIL 2001 "THE MONTH OF THE) BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
YOUNG CHILD") OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS Santa Barbara County is home to over 100,000 children under the age of eighteen, representing nearly one fourth of the county's total population; and

WHEREAS we acknowledge that children receive their first and most important care and support from their families, who provide for their economic and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS families with young children increasingly need and deserve the support of the community to carry out their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS in today's world, many parents hold outside employment and with increased participation of both parents in the workforce, the demand for child care will continue to heighten; and

WHEREAS parents, child care providers, teachers and volunteers provide a foundation for the values and ethics of each new generation, motivate them to achieve educationally and succeed socially, and provide a sense of belonging that is essential to human growth; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims April 2001 as "THE MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD" in Santa Barbara County and urges all members of the community to join in expressing their appreciation to parents, teachers, child care providers and volunteers for their commitment to the care and development of today's young children.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisor of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 3rd day April 2001 by unanimous vote of all members present.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By _____
Joni Gray
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
MICHAEL BROWN
Clerk of the Board

By _____