

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Children's Dental Health Month - February, 2003

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt a Resolution proclaiming February 2003, as Children's Dental Health Month.
- B. Award a Certificate of Appreciation to Juan Carlos Ramirez, D.D.S.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with: Goal No. 2: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit; Goal No. 5: A High Quality of Life for All Residents; and Goal No. 7: A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program is an on going, school-based program for 16,215 students, preschool through sixth grade. This comprehensive dental disease prevention program encourages daily flossing, brushing, and use of daily fluoride tablets through a one-hour classroom-based course on dental health. Three project staff (2.5 full time equivalent staff) implements the program countywide in public schools. It has been shown in evaluations conducted on a statewide basis that there is a 35-40% decrease in dental caries as a result of this preventive program.

Juan Carlos Ramirez, D.D.S., has expanded services at the Carrillo Family Dental Clinic and promoted dental health in the community through radio and television presentations.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Acceptance of the Resolution and awarding of the Certificate will not result in any change in mandates or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Acceptance of the Resolution will not result in additional General Fund contribution or use of Countywide Cost Allocation overhead services. This Resolution will not result in any additional need for facilities.

Special Instructions:

None