

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Department Name:

CEO

Department No.:

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For Agenda Of: Placement:

May 3, 2016 Department

Estimated Tme:

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Continued Item:

NO

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required:

N/A

TO:

Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Dept. Director

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SUBJECT:

Commission for Women 2016 Women's History Month Service Awards

County Counsel Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

N/A

Other Concurrence:

N/A

N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Receive and file the Commission for Women's 2016 Women's History Month Service Awards Presentation on May 3, 2016.

Summary Text:

One organization from each Supervisorial District will be honored. The five organizations that will be honored in 2016 are the following:

1st District: Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)

2nd District: Hearts Therapeutic Equestrian Center (Hearts Therapeutic)

3rd District: Isla Vista Youth Projects Inc. (IV Youth Projects)

4th District: Young Life

5th District: Child Abuse Listening & Mediation (CALM)

A description of each award recipient can be found on the attached document.

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 2016 Women's History Month Service Award recipients

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