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MEETING DATE: 02/06/2024

DEPARTMENT: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Vanessa Delgado

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SUBJECT:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Approve the Proclamation designating February 2024 as Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month in San Benito County in recognition of the time and effort that the Civil Grand Jury continually makes to support the community.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 156

AGENDA SECTION:

c. Presentations and Recognitions

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

When California became a State, it established the Civil Grand Jury system to ensure local government efficiency, accountability, and responsiveness. Made up of volunteer residents in each County, the Civil Grand Jury is the "citizens' watchdog" appointed by the California Superior Court for one year to formally investigate the efficiency and responsiveness of any local government entity. The Grand Jury's findings and recommendations for improvement are then presented to the San Benito County Board of Supervisors and published on the San Benito County website and in local media.

In San Benito County, 19 Grand Jurors are appointed to serve for one (1) year but up to two (2) consecutive years. The Grand Jury is an official body of the Court with independent authority that is not answerable to administrators or legislators. Its principal purpose is to protect the public interest. Appointment to the Grand Jury provides citizens a means to participate in the affairs of local governments.

For Board consideration and approval, a proclamation is presented designating February 2024 as Civil Grand Jury Month in San Benito County in recognition of the time and effort that the Civil Grand Jury(s)

continually makes to support the community.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

No

BUDGETED:

N/A

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

N/A

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

N/A

CURRENT FY COST:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Proclamation designating February 2024 as Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month in San Benito County to recognize the time and effort that the Civil Grand Jury continually makes to support the community.

BOARD ACTION RESULTS:

Approved proclamation per staff recommendation. (5/0 vote)

ATTACHMENTS:

[Grand Jury Month 2024](#)

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