



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: May 1, 2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Diane Poirot, 854-9170

County Executive: Leslie Browder, 854-9106

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Approve proclamation to declare May 6 - 12, 2012 as Public Service Recognition Week and Tuesday, May 8, 2012 as Travis County Employee Recognition Day.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

The purpose of this proclamation is to formally observe May 6 – 12, 2012 as Public Service Recognition Week. Public Service Recognition Week is observed nationally each year. This celebration is to raise awareness of the services a county provides to its citizens and the dedicated employees who provide these services. There are 823 employees who reached milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service in 2011.

Throughout the year, employee recognition events have been occurring at the department level. It will culminate at Commissioners Court on May 8, 2012 when Travis County honors its most tenured employees who, through their dedicated service, have achieved milestones of 20, 25, and 30 years of service in 2011, by awarding certificates of recognition. This will be the 20th year that Travis County has honored employees in this manner.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

HRMD recommends approval.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

NA

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Costs are routine and are covered within the standard HRMD operational budget.

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a single pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Kim Austin-Smith, Human Resources Management Department, 854-4707

Diane Poirot, Human Resources Management Department, 854-9170

Leslie Browder, Planning and Budget Office, 854-9106

County Auditor's Office 854-9125

County Treasurer's Office 854-9365

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WHEREAS, the Partnership for Public Service and the Public Employees Roundtable has declared May 6 - 12, 2012, as Public Service Recognition Week;

WHEREAS, Citizens benefit from Travis County's public service delivery system that ensures justice and public safety, preserves health; serves veterans; provides a safety net for the needy; fosters an efficient transportation system; promotes recreational activities; and, preserves the County's natural resources;

WHEREAS, the Travis County Government's approximately 4,600 employees judiciously manage taxpayers' dollars to ensure accountability, efficiency, effectiveness in the delivery of the aforementioned services;

WHEREAS, Travis County Government values accountability; upholding the public's trust; good customer service; sound fiscal policy and administration; respect for the individual; honesty and openness;

WHEREAS, public records nationwide chronicle the leadership, commitment, innovation, contributions and valuable services provided by public sector employees in an assortment of disciplines, e.g. public administration, human resource management, information technology, accounting, finance, law, criminal justice, emergency services, health and human services, medicine and more;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court recognizes and wishes to acknowledge the service and commitment of Travis County's 4,600 public servants by displaying an Employee Recognition Banner on the Ned Granger Building;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court will publicly recognize on May 8, 2012 177 employees who have completed 20, 25, and 30 years of service with Travis County Government;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court challenges each Elected and Appointed Official to acknowledge the contributions of their employees, especially during the week of May 6th through May 12th – National Public Service Recognition Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT WE, MEMBERS OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

May 6 - 12, 2012 AS

"PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK"

AND

**May 8, 2012 AS
"TRAVIS COUNTY EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY"**

IN THE GREAT COUNTY OF TRAVIS.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUT HANDS AND
AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS ON THIS 1st
DAY OF MAY 2012.**

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
County Judge

RON DAVIS
Commissioner, Pct. 1

SARAH ECKHARDT
Commissioner, Pct. 2

KAREN L. HUBER
Commissioner, Pct. 3

MARGARET J. GOMEZ
Commissioner, Pct. 4