

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Philip Morley, County Administrator

FROM: Julie Shannon, Executive Assistant

DATE: May 21, 2012

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Proclaim May 2012 as Olympic Community
Action Month

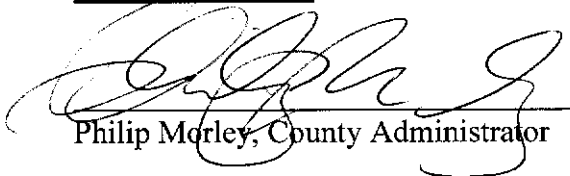
STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Commissioner David Sullivan requested that this Proclamation be considered for approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming May 2012 as Olympic Community Action Month

REVIEWED BY:


Philip Morley, County Administrator

5/16/12
Date

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies (CAA's) are nonprofit private and public organizations established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to take on America's "War on Poverty"; and,

WHEREAS, today's Community Action Agencies make up the nation's largest federally-supported network of organizations whose primary interest is to eliminate poverty, with approximately 1000 CAA's around the country; serving the poor in every state, Puerto Rico and the Trust Territories, covering 96% of the nation's counties; and,

WHEREAS, CAA's are a primary source of direct support for more than 34 million people who live in poverty in the United States and the majority of program participants have incomes below 75% of the federal poverty threshold; and,

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies in Washington State help low-income community members to help themselves and become more self-sufficient; and,

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people have benefited from these vital human services provided to low-income individuals, families, and those in need; and,

WHEREAS, there are 31 CAA's in Washington State, covering each of the state's 39 Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Action Agencies, in partnership with elected officials, the private sector and low-income citizens, continue to identify challenges facing those with fixed and low incomes and seek ways to strengthen the community; and,

WHEREAS, in 1966 a group of local citizens organized the Clallam-Jefferson Community Action Council, recognizing the unmistakable signs of poverty often hidden in the shadows of the majestic Olympic Mountains: poor health, hunger, unemployment, and homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2000, the corporate name was officially changed to Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP); and,

WHEREAS, for more than forty-six years, **Olympic Community Action Programs** have provided vital human services that have produced tremendous outcomes in empowering families and individuals – *Helping People, Changing Lives*.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 2012 as:

Olympic Community Action Month

We urge all citizens to join us in this special observance.

PROCLAIMED this _____ day of May, 2012.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

John Austin, Chairman

David Sullivan, Member

Raina Randall
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Phil Johnson, Member