



STAFF REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2014

To: Town Council

From: Town Manager

Subject: Resolution Declaring Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week April 20 – 26, 2014

Date: March 18, 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution.

DISCUSSION:

The Placer Mosquito & Vector Control District has requested that the Town of Loomis adopt the attached resolution declaring Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week to be April 20 – 26, 2014.

CEQA:

There are no CEQA issues associated with this action.

FINANCIAL Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this action.

TOWN OF LOOMIS

RESOLUTION 14 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS PROCLAIMING MOSQUITO AND WEST NILE VIRUS AWARENESS WEEK 2013

WHEREAS, the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has designated the week of April 20 to April 26, 2014 as West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week;

WHEREAS, excess numbers of mosquitoes and other vectors spread diseases, reduce enjoyment of both public and private outdoor living spaces, reduce property values, hinder outdoor work, and reduce livestock productivity; and

WHEREAS, established mosquito and vector-borne diseases such as plague, Lyme disease, and encephalitis, and new and emerging vector-borne diseases such as hantavirus, arenavirus, babesiosis, and ehrlichiosis cause illness and sometimes death every year in California; and

WHEREAS, West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that can result in debilitating cases of meningitis and encephalitis and death to humans, horses, avian species, and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, West Nile virus resulted in 52 human deaths in California and over 420 individuals in 35 counties tested positive for the virus, of which over 300 developed neuroinvasive disease; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, West Nile virus resulted in six cases of neuroinvasive disease; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predict West Nile virus will again pose a public health threat in California in 2014; and

WHEREAS, professional mosquito and vector control based on scientific research has made great progress in reducing mosquito and vector populations and the diseases they transmit, while still being responsible stewards of the environment; and

WHEREAS, adequately funded mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance and public awareness programs are the best way to prevent outbreaks of diseases transmitted by mosquitoes and other vectors; and

WHEREAS, the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District works with mosquito and vector control districts throughout California, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and the California Department of Public Health to reduce public health pesticide risks to humans, animals, and the environment, while protecting humans and animals from mosquito and vector-borne diseases and nuisances; and

WHEREAS, West Nile virus and Mosquito and Vector Awareness Week will increase the public's awareness of the threat of diseases and encourage the public to take action in preventing mosquito and vector-transmitted diseases, and will highlight the activities of various mosquito and vector research and control agencies working to reduce the health threat within California; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Loomis hereby recognizes the week of April 20 to April 26, 2014 as West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week in the Town of Loomis.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2014 by the following vote:

**AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:**

Dave Wheeler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk