



STAFF REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2016

To: Town Council

From: Town Manager

Subject: Declaring Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week April 17 – 23, 2016

Date: April 4, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution.

DISCUSSION:

The Placer Mosquito & Vector Control District has requested to give a presentation to the Council and to adopt a resolution declaring Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week to be April 17 – 23, 2016.

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 16 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS RECOGNIZING WEST NILE VIRUS AND MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK 2016

WHEREAS, the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has designated the week of April 17 to April 23, 2014 as West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week;

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, mosquitoes and other vectors, including, but not limited to, ticks, rats, fleas, and flies, continue to be a source of human suffering, illness, and death, and a public nuisance in California and around the world; and

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, reduce livestock productivity, and have a negative impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, West Nile virus resulted in 45 human deaths in California, triple the number from 2013, and 737 individual cases in 31 counties; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, West Nile virus surveillance resulted in 52 West Nile virus-positive mosquito samples and 21 West Nile virus-positive dead birds, and no human cases in Placer County; and

WHEREAS, two invasive mosquito species in California, *Aedes Albopictus*, and *Aedes aegypti*, are posing new public health threats in central and southern California due to their capability to transmit potentially deadly or debilitating diseases, such as dengue, yellow fever, chikungunya, and Zika virus, diseases that are not currently transmitted in California but are at epidemic levels in the Americas and other continents; and

WHEREAS, professional mosquito and vector control based on scientific research has made great advances in safely reducing mosquito and vector populations and the diseases they transmit; and

WHEREAS, adequately funded mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance and public awareness programs, coupled with the best management practices emphasizing nonchemical approaches, are the best way to prevent outbreaks of West Nile virus and other diseases borne by mosquitoes and other vectors; and

WHEREAS, the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District, along with mosquito and vector control agencies throughout the State of California, works closely with local public and environmental health officials, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State Department of Public Health to reduce pesticide risks to humans, animals, and the environment while protecting human health from mosquito and vector; and

WHEREAS, the public's awareness of the health benefits associated with safe, professionally applied mosquito and vector control methods will support these efforts, as well as motivate the state and the public to eliminate mosquito and vector breeding sites on public and private property; 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 does hereby recognizes the week of April 17 to April 23, 2016 as West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of April, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Brian Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk