

AGN. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH**

**MARCH 3, 2004**

**"NATIONAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK, MARCH 1-7, 2004"**

National Weights and Measures Week is being observed during the week of March 1-7 by State and local jurisdictions throughout the United States. This is the recognition of the first Weights and Measure law, passed by the United States Congress on March 2, 1799.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures has chosen the theme for the County's observance: "Accuracy in Recycling – Getting What You Sell For." This issue has special significance in Los Angeles County where there are hundreds of recycling centers and where many thousands of County residents practice recycling.

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The Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department routinely conducts undercover inspections at recycling facilities. These inspections have uncovered and corrected problems, enhancing the integrity of the recycling process and encouraging more residents to recycle containers.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution and proclaim March 1-7, 2004, as "Weights and Measures Week" in the County of Los Angeles, and direct the Executive Officer of the Board to forward a signed copy of the resolution to the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures.

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Attachment

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 205 YEARS AGO, ON MARCH 2, 1799, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ENACTED ITS FIRST WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW, CITING THE NECESSITY OF STANDARDS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, THE NEED OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AS A PUBLIC SERVICE, THE NEED OF EXAMINING AND TRYING WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES, AND THE NEED FOR UNIFORMITY, AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS RECOGNIZED THIS NEED IN ESTABLISHING THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS REGULARLY FUNCTIONED IN THE PUBLIC GOOD;

WHEREAS, THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT HAS CONTINUED TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES OF INSPECTING ALL WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THIS JURISDICTION TO ENSURE EQUITY IN ALL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY, WHETHER THEY ARE THE BUYER OR THE SELLER;

WHEREAS, THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAWS PROMOTE AND REQUIRE ACCURATE PRODUCT, QUANTITY, AND ADVERTISED PRICES; WHICH FACILITATES VALUE COMPARISONS ESSENTIAL TO A SUCCESSFUL FREE ENTERPRISE MARKET, DELIVERS THE BEST PRODUCTS FOR THE BEST PRICE, AND FAVORS HONEST MANUFACTURERS AND MERCHANTS;

WHEREAS, MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 7 WILL BE OBSERVED AS WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK THROUGHOUT THE NATIONS AND THE THEME, "ACCURACY IN RECYCLING-GETTING WHAT YOU SELL FOR" HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS THE COUNTY MAKES AN INCREASED EFFORT TO RECYCLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM THAT THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 7 BE KNOWN AS "WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK" IN OUR COUNTY, AND URGES EVERYONE TO RECOGNIZE THE VERY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITIES OF THIS COUNTY BEING MADE BY THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT, AND TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART BY BECOMING BETTER INFORMED CONSUMERS.