



# City of Woodland

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 7, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week

### **Report in Brief**

Our area has long been associated with agriculture and thus concerned with various types of insects. One of the most troubling of the insects through the years is the mosquito. With the emergence of West Nile Virus, the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has been actively educating citizens and controlling the population of these insects that can, and do, cause serious illness. As part of that education process, the Association is asking the Council to take part in this effort via a proclamation of support.

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim the week of April 20 through 24, 2009 as Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week.

### **Background**

Council has been supporting the efforts of the Mosquito and Vector Control Association for many years and has had a representative on the Board for quite some time. The current representative is former Council member Neal Peart.

### **Recommendation for Action**

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim the week of April 20 through 24, 2009 as Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week.

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City Manager

Attachment: Proclamation

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## MOSQUITO AND WEST NILE VIRUS AWARENESS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California has designated the week of April 20 to April 24, 2009, as “Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week” in the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Woodland recognizes that West Nile Virus is a serious 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 2008 the virus resulted in 15 deaths in California and sickened over 440 others; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California recognizes that West Nile virus poses a grave threat to the health and safety of all Californians as early as this spring and for the foreseeable future; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District works with mosquito and vector control districts throughout California, 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-borne diseases and nuisance attacks; and

**WHEREAS**, the public’s awareness of the health benefits associated with certified, professionally applied mosquito and vector control methods will encourage the appropriation of adequate funding to support these efforts, as well as motivate the public to eliminate mosquito and vector breeding sites; and

**WHEREAS**, “Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week” will increase the public’s awareness of the threat of West Nile Virus and other diseases and the activities of the various mosquito and vector research and control agencies working to minimize the health threat within California and will highlight the public education programs currently available.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Woodland proclaims the week of April 20 to April 24 as “Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week”.

DATED: April 7, 2009

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