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## **PUBLIC HEALTH CHAMPIONS AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED APRIL 6**

*Event Will Recognize Individuals and Organizations Promoting Health for San Diego Residents*

Nine individuals and organizations that have made extraordinary achievements in public health will be recognized for their contributions and efforts at the Public Health Champions Awards ceremony April 6, during Public Health Week 2007, April 2 - 6. This year's theme is "Take the First Step! Preparedness and Public Health Threats."

"Every year we show our gratitude to the people and organizations whose creativity and commitment advance the cause of public health," said Ron Roberts, Chair, San Diego County Board of Supervisors. "Their innovation and efforts help protect the health of the residents of San Diego County and help prepare them for future threats."

The Public Health Champions ceremony takes place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 6 at the County Administration Center, Room 310. Supervisor Roberts will give the welcome, and Paula Landau-Cox, Director of Operations, County Health and Human Services Agency, will present the awards. A reception will follow.

Three awards will be given in three categories: The Theme Award, to be presented to Carey Storm, Director of Operations, Qualcomm, Inc.; the Individual Award, to be presented to Clyde H. "Bud" Beck, Jr., M.D., Scripps Health Senior Consultant for Community Health; and the Organization Award, to be presented to the San Diego Black Nurses Association.

Individuals or organizations from each of the six county regions also will be honored. Recipients include: Salvation Army/Sierra Del Mar Division, Central Region; Stacy Magoffin, Mountain Empire Disaster Committee, East Region; Jonathon Ton, Montgomery Middle School, North Central Region; Enid Hohn, R.D., Vista Unified School District, North Coastal Region; Patricia Huerta, Escondido Education COMPACT, North Inland Region; and Gregory Talavera, M.D., M.P.H., South Region.

This year, sparked by the National Public Health Week theme, HHS Public Health Services (PHS) has created a timeline of 150 years of public health achievements and milestones in San Diego County and the nation, including development of important vaccines to fight diseases such as whooping cough and polio.

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