

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2010/5

Declaring January 2010 National Blood Donor Month.

WHEREAS, donating blood is a potentially lifesaving gift that millions of Americans can give; and
WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure an adequate blood supply and to stress the importance of giving the “Gift of Life” through the donation of blood; and
WHEREAS, there is a need for additional healthy, regular volunteer donors to join the ranks of those who already give of themselves so generously; and
WHEREAS, one blood donation may help save three lives; and
WHEREAS, everyday blood is needed in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients, and to help save the lives of accident victims; and
WHEREAS, the need for blood is constant, especially during the winter months when blood is traditionally in short supply due to a reduction in donor turnout because of the holidays, busy travel schedules, inclement weather and illness, which can put blood inventory at a critical low; and
WHEREAS, The American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region distributes more than 130,000 pints of blood per year to help save local patients, yet fewer than 100,000 pints of blood are collected in the region annually; and
WHEREAS, some 38 percent of the public is eligible to donate, yet fewer than 8 percent of these individuals present to donate blood; and
WHEREAS, there is a need for civic and service organizations and businesses to sponsor blood drives.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of January as “National Blood Donor Month” for Contra Costa County and urge all citizens to pay tribute to those among us who donate for others in need and encourage citizens in good health to donate regularly.

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 26, 2010

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy