

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2012/23

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 2012 AS NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

Whereas, donating blood is a lifesaving gift that many are capable of giving; and
Whereas, thirty-eight percent of the public is eligible to donate, yet fewer than eight percent of these individuals volunteer to donate; and;
Whereas, additional healthy volunteers are needed on a regular basis to join the ranks of those who already give of themselves so generously; and;
Whereas, the need to ensure an adequate blood supply is great, especially during the winter months when blood inventory runs low because of the contrast between increased illness and decreased donor turnout; and
Whereas, giving blood is like giving the “Gift of Life” as three lives may potentially be saved by one donation; and;
Whereas, the ongoing need for blood is apparent in hospitals and treatment facilities for patients with cancer, diseases, organ transplants and to save the lives of accident victims; and
Whereas, there is a shortage of blood in the Northern California Blood Services Region as 130,000 pints of blood are distributed, while only one 100,000 pints are collected in the region annually.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims January 2012 as National Blood Donor Month.

MARY N. PIEPHO

Chair,
District III Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

GAYLE B. UILKEMA

District II Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

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 17, 2012

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy