

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 02/10/2015 by the following vote:

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ABSENT:	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Candace Andersen
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Resolution No. 2015/56

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING PILLARS OF HOPE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK IN COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHEREAS, Pillars of Hope was founded on September 17, 2010 by Ms. Debra Brown; and **WHEREAS**, the Mission for Pillars of Hope is to combat the darkness of modern day slavery, also known as human trafficking; and **WHEREAS**, even though slavery has been outlawed since 1865 in our country, human trafficking, which includes sex trafficking, is the world's fastest growing crime. California, and the Bay Area in particular, is near the epicenter; and **WHEREAS**, contrary to popular belief, the majority of the victims are not people from foreign countries. Most of the victims of human trafficking in America are from the United States. Seventy-two percent of human trafficking victims whose country of origin was identified are American, according to the 2012 State of Human Trafficking report from the Attorney General's Office; and **WHEREAS**, victims of Human Trafficking are often conditioned with starvation, rape, gang rape, physical abuse, confinement, threats of violence, forced drug use and shame; and **WHEREAS**, 30,000 victims of Human Trafficking die each year some as young as 6 years old; and **WHEREAS**, **WHEREAS** Pillars of Hope will help combat human trafficking through public awareness campaigns, intervention, prevention, safe transitional housing and reintegration programs for rescued victims that has plagued our Cities, States and Country; and **WHEREAS**, Pillars of Hope will continue to make a difference in the lives of survivors, by returning them to society and fulfilling their purpose of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, hereby recognizes Pillars of Hope for their commitment and dedication to restore the lives of those affected by Human Trafficking.

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.

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ATTESTED: February 10, 2015

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Stephanie L. Mello, Deputy

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