

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

Adopted this Resolution on 03/10/2015 by the following vote:

**AYE:** ☐

**NO:** ☐

**ABSENT:** ☐

**ABSTAIN:** ☐

**RECUSE:** ☐



**Resolution No. 2015/81**

**In the Matter of:** Recognizing the opening of the Central County Family Justice Center

WHEREAS, interpersonal violence, defined as domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, child abuse, and human trafficking, are costly, both in human and organizational terms. The results of this violence and abuse have many “hidden” costs, such as job turnover, loss of productivity, school absenteeism, and low school performance, in addition to the high cost of law enforcement, civil and criminal justice, health services, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, human services, and community-based services; and

WHEREAS, the Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Initiative, a partnership of public and private agencies, has aligned objectives, policies and activities and established innovative strategies including the Family Justice Center to create an improved response system to all forms of interpersonal violence; and

WHEREAS, the Family Justice Center brings multiple agencies (County departments, community based organizations) together under one umbrella to coordinate and provide services to victims of interpersonal violence, their families, youth and those otherwise affected; and

WHEREAS, in September 2014 with Resolution No. 2014/334, the County adopted the Family Justice Center as a best practice approach in interrupting intergenerational cycles of violence and abuse in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Initiative is providing regional coordination of stakeholders and planning to establish a Family Justice Alliance, the first of its kind to support a network of Family Justice Centers in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the first Family Justice Center opened in West County; and

WHEREAS, planning for a Family Justice Center located in Central County began in 2013 through the dedication and commitment of local leaders, County departments, community based agencies, and community members.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize the opening of the Central County Family Justice Center on March 19, 2015 and urges all residents to participate in the efforts to end violence in our homes, in our schools, and in our communities.

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.

**Contact: Lindy Lavender, 925-789-2008**

**ATTESTED: March 10, 2015**

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

By: , Deputy

**cc:**