

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2015/154

Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act of 1965 and Proclaiming May 2015 as Older Americans Month in Contra Costa County.

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Older Americans Act of 1965; and WHEREAS, during the past 50 years, the implementation of the Older Americans Act of 1965 has contributed to the economic well-being of millions of older Americans, and has improved the quality of life for those individuals; and

WHEREAS, one of the key elements contributing to the successful implementation of the Older Americans Act of 1965 was the establishment of an aging services network composed of local agencies on aging, providers of congregate and home-delivered nutrition, and many other community service providers; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Area Agency on Aging was established by the Board of Supervisors on October 1, 1975 to implement the Older Americans Act in our community, with the Advisory Council on Aging weighing in on senior issues and serving as the principal advocacy body for Contra Costa older adults; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County aging services network provides a range of services under the Older Americans Act, including nutrition, caregiving, transportation, fall prevention, legal services, friendly visiting, employment, and elder abuse prevention to more than 27,800 older adults annually, helping them maintain their independence; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of persons in Contra Costa County 60 years and older is 18% compared to the State's percentage of 16%; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Contra Costa County have an important role in sharing knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the history of our community through interactions with children, youth, and adults from other generations; and

WHEREAS, our community is committed to providing opportunities to enrich citizens old and young by emphasizing the value of including older adults in public and family life, and by providing services and support systems that help older adults maintain their independence and achieve a better quality of life.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa recognize the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Older Americans Act of 1965 and proclaim the month of May 2015 as Older Americans Month in Contra Costa County; and Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Supervisors encourage all residents to engage their older friends, neighbors, and community members in meaningful social interactions, support their independence, and provide a compassionate watchful eye should they need assistance.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair,
District I Supervisor

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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: May 12, 2015

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy