

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2015/395

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 25 – 31, 2015 AS “LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK”

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognizes the importance of healthy homes and a safe environment for all of our children and families; and

WHEREAS, an important part of ensuring a safe environment is preventing Contra Costa children from being poisoned by lead in their homes or community; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning tends to have few or no early visible symptoms and often goes undetected; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning can have devastating effects on a person, ranging from delayed growth to learning disabilities, cognitive and behavior disorders, and even death; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa children may be exposed to lead from deteriorated lead-based paint and contaminated soil, and from other sources, such as lead brought home from the workplace, cultural sources, various consumer products, and historic environmental contamination; and

WHEREAS, to keep our children safe and healthy, all children under the age of six should be screened for lead poisoning, at-risk children should receive blood tests for lead; and lead hazards must be identified and removed from a child’s environment; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning is preventable through greater awareness of the many sources of lead; using lead-safe work practices when disturbing lead-based paint; and ensuring that children have a healthy diet; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County’s Lead Poisoning Prevention Project (LPPP) has been working effectively since 1993 to reduce the number of lead poisoned children in Contra Costa through outreach, education, and early intervention services; and

WHEREAS, some of the nearly 10,000 Contra Costa children screened each year are still exposed to the dangers of lead

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors proclaims October 25 - 31, 2015 as Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Contra Costa County, to increase awareness and prevention of lead poisoning and to advance the elimination of lead from our homes, consumer products, and the environment.

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: October 20, 2015

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy