

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2015/410**

**Recognizing all those involved in the Disaster Medical Mutual Aid Response Associated with the Valley Fire from September 14th through October 5th 2015.**

WHEREAS, the Valley Fire was one of the most destructive wildfires in California history, burning over 76,000 acres, destroying 2,953 residential structures and requiring rapid evacuation of over 11 communities in Lake, Napa and Sonoma Counties; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 men, women and children including many with chronic and special medical needs evacuated to the Calistoga Fairgrounds Sheltering Operations with few possessions camping outside on the ground in hundreds of small tents in austere conditions; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2015, the Napa County Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) contacted the Contra Costa Emergency Medical Services MHOAC to arrange for coordinated deployment of medical mutual aid as part of a Regional Medical Health Disaster response; and

WHEREAS, within hours of the first mutual aid request American Medical Response (AMR) was able to deploy to the evacuation site with a paramedic advanced life support ambulance and the Disaster Mobile Support Unit (DMSU) coordinating their response with Calistoga Fairground emergency operations, Napa EMS Agency, and Napa County and Calistoga Fire/EMS Providers; and

WHEREAS, within hours of an additional mutual aid request made on September 15, 2015 Contra Costa EMS Disaster Preparedness Staff and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers effectively deployed and arrived to support and expand medical needs clinic operations at the Calistoga Fairgrounds Evacuation Site; and

WHEREAS, in the days following the fire, Costa Contra Health Services Behavioral Health Mental Health Professionals were deployed to support the mental health needs of the many residents of fire devastated communities; and

WHEREAS, the Valley Fire Medical Mutual Aid deployment provided critical medical mutual aid in Contra Costa Medical/Health and Emergency Medical Services System; and

WHEREAS, this disaster response was the largest activation of the Contra Costa MRC Corps since the MRC was created in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa MRC and Behavioral Health volunteers demonstrated that they are at the ready to rapidly meet critical medical needs for those who are the most vulnerable in disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County hereby recognizes all individuals and volunteers who participated in providing medical mutual aid during the Valley Fire and recognizes their capability to rapidly deploy medical services for disaster victims.

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**JOHN GIOIA**

Chair,  
District I Supervisor

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

District II Supervisor

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**MARY N. PIEPHO**

District III Supervisor

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**

District IV Supervisor

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**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: November 10, 2015

David J. Twa,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy