

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2016/43

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRA COSTA CRISIS CENTER SAFEKEEPER VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, In early 2014, the City of Oakley experienced a significant and unfortunate rise in deaths by suicide and;

WHEREAS, Oakley City Council Member, Diane Burgis, noticed the rise and contacted Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho to seek help from the County to respond to provide education and assistance to the people of Oakley;

WHEREAS, Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho held meetings jointly with Council Member Diane Burgis, representatives from the Sheriff and Oakley Police, the Antioch and Liberty School Districts, the Contra Costa Behavioral Health Department, the Contra Costa Crisis Center, local clergy and others to plan a proactive effort in the community to reduce death by suicide and;

WHEREAS, The Contra Costa Crisis Center in collaboration with local clergy and You, Me, We Oakley proactively responded to the need for intervention and;

WHEREAS, Vanessa Perry, appointed to replace Diane Burgis on the Oakley City Council, shared the passion for suicide prevention and proposed and produced the very successful first annual, “ Out of the Darkness” walk to raise funding for suicide education and prevention;

WHEREAS, The Contra Costa Crisis Center provided six (6) training sessions for SafeKeeper volunteers focused on suicide intervention in both English and Spanish and;

WHEREAS, 34 individuals have completed their training and;

WHEREAS, These everyday heroes will be known as SafeKeepers and;

WHEREAS, The deployment of SafeKeepers will further the process of intervention, prevention and healing and;

WHEREAS, The community has been actively engaged in utilizing resources through outreach to local schools and;

WHEREAS, Multiple training opportunities are available to community members and faith-based organizations and;

WHEREAS, The Contra Costa Crisis center continues its commitment to keeping people alive and safe by connecting them with local resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, hereby recognizes **The Contra Costa Crisis Center and its SafeKeeper Volunteers** for exceptional work, forward planning, and their efforts to save lives in Contra Costa County.

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Chair,
District II Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District IV Supervisor

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: January 12, 2016

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By: _____, Deputy