The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2016/372

recognizing the 70th Anniversary of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District.

**Whereas**, CCCSD is a progressive sanitary district providing wastewater collection and treatment services to approximately 471,000 people in the central Contra Costa area. Headquartered at the intersection of Interstate 680 and Highway 4, the Martinez-based facility has a treatment capacity of 54 million gallons per day; and

**Whereas**, in the 1940s, central Contra Costa County was a rural area of farms, orchards and a few small towns. With the end of World War II, a building boom began. As the nearby cities of San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley grew, so did the population of Contra Costa County. This ultimately resulted in a sanitation crisis. At the time, State health authorities considered the polluted conditions arising from those septic tanks to be among the worst in California; and

**Whereas**, with septic tanks overflowing and waterborne diseases such as typhoid becoming a potential threat, civic leaders rallied public support for a solution. In an election held on June 24, 1946, a proposal to form a sanitary district for areas of central Contra Costa County was approved. On July 15, 1946, the County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution officially creating the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD); and

**Whereas**, work began immediately and within 26 months, CCCSD's newly constructed main sewer trunk line and treatment plant were operational. At that time, CCCSD's service area population was 15,000; the treatment plant's capacity was 4.5 million gallons per day; and the CCCSD's collection system consisted of 50 miles of sewer; and

**Whereas**, enormous changes have occurred since the District's beginnings in 1946 as a small agency serving a rural area: the size, population, and characteristics of our service area; the processes and technologies used to treat and collect wastewater; the environmental awareness and stricter water quality standards and regulations. What hasn't changed is the unwavering dedication and commitment to protecting the public health and the environment.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor Central Contra Costa Sanitary District at their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

CANDACE ANDERSEN Chair, District II Supervisor

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KAREN MITCHOFF District IV Supervisor 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: June 21, 2016

David J. Twa,

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