

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

In the matter of:
recognizing September as Anti-Hazing Awareness Month.

Resolution No. 2016/521

WHEREAS, sixty-seven percent of college students joining a club or organization will be hazed whether or not their club or school condones it, and forty-seven percent of students have been hazed prior to going off to college; and

WHEREAS, it is documented that hazing occurs as early as elementary school; and

WHEREAS, hazing resulting in death dates back to the early 1800s, and since 1969 hazing deaths have occurred every year with thousands more sustaining serious physical and psychological injuries; and

WHEREAS, hazing promotes brutality, degradation, humiliation, molestation, and self-loathing; and

WHEREAS, the AHA! (Anti Hazing Awareness) Movement was created in the memory of Matt Carrington who was killed in a water hazing event while pledging a fraternity, and provides significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that education on the dangers of hazing is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the AHA! Movement promotes making better choices, understanding that there are consequences for actions, respect for one another, personal development, and finding alternatives to hazing; and

WHEREAS, the AHA! Movement is committed to end the senseless and tragic cycle of deaths from hazing by reaching out to empower and educate our young people.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors recognizes September as Anti-Hazing Awareness Month in Contra Costa County and encourages residents to educate young persons and family members on the dangers of hazing and engage in programs to support the end of hazing.

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Chair,
District II Supervisor

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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: September 27, 2016

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy