

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2016/582

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 23 – 29, 2016 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, especially for children, ranging from cognitive and behavioral disorders to delayed growth and learning disabilities; 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, the State of California has recognized that children are harmed by even low levels of lead and enabled the Contra Costa Lead Poisoning Prevention Project to offer services to these children; and
WHEREAS, to keep our children safe and healthy, all children under the age of six should be assessed for lead exposure, 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 access to health care; 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 23 - 29, 2016 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.

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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 25, 2016

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy