

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2017/14**

**RECOGNIZING AND HONORING JAMES RIVERS FOR HIS SERVICE TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AND FOR BEING AWARDED THE JEFFERSON AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**

WHEREAS James Rivers has served the youth of Contra Costa County for nearly 20 years as a Probation Counselor, a Deputy Probation Officer, an Institutional Supervisor I, an Institutional Supervisor II, and now, Probation Manager; and

WHEREAS, James Rivers was recently chosen to receive the KPIX, Channel 5, Jefferson Award for Public Service; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Award selection committee's guiding principles are: impact, inspiration, sustainability, innovation, and need; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, James took on the epically large task of leading the design and implementation of a behavior management system that incorporates a strengths-based approach and evidence-based practices; and

WHEREAS, the design process meant constant tinkering based on interactions with probation unit staff and senior leadership as well as consultants and leaders in academia such as Edward LaTessa, Ph.D. (University of Cincinnati) and Barry Krisberg, Ph.D. (University of California, Berkeley); and

WHEREAS, James Rivers has played an instrumental role in ushering in an era of rehabilitation-focused juvenile justice reform in Contra Costa County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and honor James Rivers for being awarded the Jefferson Award for Public Service.

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

Chair,  
District II Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**

District I 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: January 17, 2017

David J. Twa,

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