

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2017/144

Recognizing April as Alcohol Awareness Month

WHEREAS, according the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, excessive drinking is responsible for more than 4,300 deaths among underage youth each year, and cost the U.S. \$24 billion in 2010; and WHEREAS, people aged 12 to 20 years drink 11% of all alcohol consumed in the United States and more than 90% of this alcohol is consumed in the form of binge drinking; and WHEREAS, according to the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, in Contra Costa in 2014 there were 345 non-fatal emergency department visits by youth under the age of 20, the reason for their visit was classified as “alcohol only” and 6 cases of non-fatal hospitalizations among youth classified as “alcohol only;” and WHEREAS, The results of the 2013-2015 California Healthy Kids Survey statewide data reported that approximately 29.1% of 11th grade students drank alcohol within the past 30 days and approximately 17.6% reported binge drinking in the past 30 days; and WHEREAS, it takes a comprehensive school and community prevention approach to effectively educate youth on the dangers of underage drinking; and WHEREAS, Project SUCCESS is an Evidence Based Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) prevention program to help educate youth about the harms associated with substance use. Project Success is currently implemented at nine middle schools throughout Contra Costa as well as at Juvenile Hall. During the 2015-2016 school year, Project SUCCESS staff conducted 756 AOD screenings and 270 referrals to other programs including youth substance use disorders treatment; and WHEREAS, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is a nonprofit working to protect families from drunk driving, drugged driving and underage drinking. MADD also supports drunk and drugged driving victims and survivors at no charge; and WHEREAS, Alcohol and Other Drugs Services (AODS) has strengthened their collaboration with MADD, the Office of Education, Community Based Providers and the AOD Advisory Board to reduce youth access to alcohol and change community norms that support underage drinking; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors declares April 2017 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Contra Costa County. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors call upon all citizens, parents, youth, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and workplaces, hospitals, and schools in the County to support efforts to reduce and prevent underage drinking.

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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: April 25, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy