

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2017/406

Proclaiming November as Homelessness Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as Homelessness Awareness Month in the United States; and
WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public and advocate with and on behalf of people experiencing homelessness about the many reasons people are homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Contra Costa County; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and
WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to sheltering, providing supportive services and basic resources to people experiencing homelessness including Anka Behavioral Health, Bi Bett, Berkeley Food and Housing Project, Bay Area Rescue Mission, Catholic Charities, Contra Costa Health Services, Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, Contra Costa Crisis Center, Greater Richmond Interfaith Program, Housing Authority of Contra Costa, Lifelong Medical Care, Monument Crisis Center, Northern California Family Center, Resources for Community Development, Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, SHELTER, Inc., STAND! For Families Free of Violence, Trinity Center, and Winter Nights; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Contra Costa; and
WHEREAS, 6,105 persons in Contra Costa accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in FY 16-17; and
WHEREAS, 640 families, including 746 minors accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in FY 16-17; and
WHEREAS, 86% of homeless veterans in Contra Costa have been homeless for 12 months or more; and
WHEREAS, 80% of people experiencing homelessness in Contra Costa lost their housing in Contra Costa; and
WHEREAS, Contra Costa has the shelter capacity to meet only 41% of the need for single adults; and
WHEREAS, a report by California Housing Partnership in 2017 found that Contra Costa County needs over 30,000 more affordable rental homes to meet the needs of its lowest income renters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims November as Homelessness Awareness Month and encourages all citizens to recognize that thousands of people in Contra Costa do not have housing and need support from citizens, and private/public nonprofit service entities.

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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: November 7, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy