

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2017/419

Declaring November 20, 2017 International Transgender Day of Remembrance in Contra Costa County.

Whereas, those in society who are perceived to transgress gender norms, regardless of their self-identity or gender expressions are at risk for violence or bullying out of proportion to their numbers; and

Whereas, many of these transgender individuals live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives; others have had their lives cut short by violence based on hatred and prejudice, affecting victims, their families, and their communities; and

Whereas, gender nonconforming people in Contra Costa County deserve to live free of the threat of oppression, prejudice and violence; and

Whereas, many Contra Costa groups and individuals are doing commendable work to support transgender victims of violence, and to prevent violence including The STAND in PRIDE Collaborative of Community Violence Solutions; STAND! for Families Free of Violence; and Rainbow Community Center; and

Whereas, the Contra Costa LGBTQI2-S Inclusion Initiative is helping to promote cultural competence in serving transgender clients and patients; and

Whereas, County service providers in behavioral health, medical services, and social services who provide respectful treatment to transgender clients should be celebrated as role models; and

Whereas, many transgender and gender variant people and activists show bravery and strength, particularly those working within the intersections of identity and oppression, demonstrating the spirit of survival in advocating for and creating friendly and welcoming spaces for themselves across Contra Costa County, including but not limited to: Diablo Valley Girls; The Brown Boi Project; Gender Spectrum; Contra Costa Health Services; RYSE; Neighborhood House of North Richmond; Center for Human Development's Empowerment Program; Planned Parenthood Shasta-Pacific; Rainbow Community Center's Transgender Support Group and Gender Voice Support Group - among others; and

Whereas, the Contra Costa County Health Services LGBT Pride Initiative has provided focused health care training for Transgender patients including the Primary Care for the Transgender Patient on 11/3/14 and LGBT for Behavioral Health Care Psychiatrists on 10/9/14; and

Whereas, International Transgender Day of Remembrance provides a meaningful opportunity to honor transgender people, including those who are the victims of violence; to take a stand against intolerable and unacceptable hatred and prejudice, and to acknowledge the many dedicated Contra Costa individuals and groups working to support the transgender community.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County do hereby acknowledge the County's transgender and gender nonconforming youth, seniors, residents, and employees as valued and respected community members, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County declares November 20, 2017 as International Transgender Day of Remembrance in Contra Costa County and encourages a safe and accepting environment for all residents of Contra Costa, with special honor to our transgender and gender nonconforming communities.

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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 14, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy