

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2018/113**

**Recognizing Contra Costa County's Tobacco Prevention Program Manager, Denice A. Dennis, for her 20 years of public service upon her retirement.**

WHEREAS, in 1998 Denice A. Dennis began her service working to raise awareness of, and protect the community from, the adverse effects of tobacco exposure and usage, as the Tobacco Prevention Program Manager within the Public Health Division of Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 she worked to fully implement AB 13, which created smoke-free bars; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 her extensive efforts led to the adoption of the Tobacco-Free Youth Ordinance in Contra Costa County, which restricted tobacco advertising and promotions, banned self-service displays, and included a licensing provision to sell tobacco. By 2004 her efforts resulted in adoption of the Tobacco-Free Youth Ordinance in 17 cities throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 Denice provided training to the Office of the Sheriff, which was able to reduce the illegal sales of tobacco to minors from 37% to 2% within six months of implementing undercover buying operations; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 her efforts led to the first suspension of a tobacco retailer license in the state for an illegal sale to a minor; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 she worked with the Board of Supervisors in leading Contra Costa County to become the fifth jurisdiction in the state to adopt a model Comprehensive Secondhand Smoke Protections Ordinance that strengthened indoor protections and prohibited smoking in outdoor areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 she collaborated with the city of Richmond to become the first city in Contra Costa County to adopt a 100% Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance, one of the strongest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 Denice partnered with the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors to create a policy declaring all county owned and leased properties as 100% smoke-free; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 she supported the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in adopting a comprehensive tobacco control law that banned the sale of flavored tobacco products in youth sensitive areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 she was instrumental in supporting the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in adopting a 100% Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Policy – a model in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and honors Tobacco Prevention Program Manager, Denice A. Dennis, for her 20 years of dedicated public service to Contra Costa County, and gives its full appreciation for her commitment to the people of Contra Costa County upon her retirement.

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
Chair, District IV Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor

**CANDACE ANDERSEN**  
District II Supervisor

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**DIANE BURGIS**  
District III 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:   March 27, 2018

David J. Twa,

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