

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2018/143

In the Matter of declaring April 2018 as Alcohol Awareness Month

WHEREAS, according to 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 old drink 11% of all alcohol consumed in the United States and more than 90% of it is in the form of binge drinking; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, in Contra Costa County, in 2015, there were 345 non-fatal emergency department visits by youth under the age of 20, with their reason for the visit classified as “alcohol only”; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the number one drug of choice amongst America’s youth. In 2014-2016 California Healthy Kids Survey, the results show that approximately 8% of 7th grade students in California reported using Alcohol in the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, it takes both a school-based and community-based prevention approach to effectively educate youth on the dangers of underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, the Monument Corridor Anti-Drug and Alcohol Coalition is an Evidence Based Prevention Program, whose mission it is to identify health disparities in the community that affect youth and introduce policy to reduce or eradicate alcohol usage among youth in the city of Concord; and

WHEREAS, during the 2016-2017 school year, Monument Corridor Anti-Drug and Alcohol staff and coalition volunteers were able to conduct 45 assessments of liquor merchants, facilitate a Responsible Beverage Training Class for local alcohol merchants, work with local High School youth to design and present anti-alcohol and alcopops presentations to middle school youth and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Over the last four years, Contra Costa County Alcohol and Other Drugs Services has strengthened their collaboration with the Contra Costa County Office of Education, Community Based Providers and the Contra Costa County Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board. They have worked collectively with students, parents and educators to educate Contra Costa youth on the harmful effects of youth alcohol use and changing the community norms in regards to underage drinking.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors declares April 2018 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 Contra Costa County to support efforts that will reduce and prevent underage drinking in our community.

KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair, District IV Supervisor

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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: April 10, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy