

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2018/178**

May 15<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup> Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month

Whereas, Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by a person being diagnosed before the age of 18 with at least two motor tics and one vocal tic; and

Whereas, many people with TS also suffer from a range of co-occurring conditions including ADHD, OCD, anxiety and learning disabilities. Many children with Tourette Syndrome struggle in our local school systems despite often being gifted due to a systemic lack of understanding of TS; and

Whereas, the Tourette Association of America (TAA) and its Northern California & Hawaii Chapter are working to make life better for all people affected by Tourette and Tic Disorders; and

Whereas, TAA's mission includes: raising public awareness and fostering social acceptance, working to advance understanding, treatment and care, and educating professionals to better serve the needs of children, adults and families challenged by Tourette Syndrome and Tic Disorders; and

Whereas, TAA also advocates for public policies and services that promote positive school, work and social environments for those with Tourette, providing help, hope and a supportive community across the nation, and empowering our community to deal with the complexities of this spectrum of disorders; and

Whereas, TAA Youth Ambassadors are trained in Washington, DC to be advocates for those with Tourette Syndrome and are active in the local community providing presentations to various groups including schools; and

Whereas, the Northern California & Hawaii Chapter of TAA is a volunteer-based group that has hosted support groups and meetings for children, adults and families with Tourette Syndrome for many years in Concord and has recently expanded their support group to include Sacramento, Santa Cruz and Fresno; and

Whereas, the Northern California & Hawaii Chapter volunteer board members are active advocates in the community often joining families of children with Tourette Syndrome at IEP and 504 meetings, manifestation determination hearings and expulsion meetings to advocate for children and youth with TS; and

Whereas, in order to raise awareness, the chapter hosts an annual Tourette Syndrome Family and Community Education Day, has conducted presentations at local colleges, provided information and support regarding Tourette Syndrome to school and medical personnel, and hosted a Facebook group to provide support to families.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors declares May 15<sup>th</sup> to June 15th 2018 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month in Contra Costa County.

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
Chair, District IV Supervisor

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District I Supervisor

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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: May 22, 2018

David J. Twa,

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