

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2018/185

Declaring June 2018, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning (LGBTQ) Pride Month in Contra Costa County.

Whereas, the month of June was chosen for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning) Pride Month to commemorate the rise of the LGBTQ civil rights movement that grew out of spontaneous civil rights demonstrations by members of the LGBTQ community against unjust police raids that took place in New York City at the end of June 1969, known as the Stonewall Riots; and

Whereas, former President Obama designated the Stonewall Inn as a National Monument in 2016 because of the role it played in the struggle for "homophile rights" in the U.S., the Stonewall Riots inspires LGBTQ people, not only in the U.S., but throughout the world in the struggle for civil rights; and

Whereas, Contra Costa Health Services, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and Behavioral Health Division through the work of the LGBT Pride Initiative received the prestigious national designation of Leader in Healthcare Equality for the past five years, and again in 2017 by the Human Rights Campaign, the largest LGBTQ advocacy organization in the United States; and

Whereas, Contra Costa Health Services identified the need for a specialty clinic to serve the transgender community and started the first Gender Clinic in October 2016, the only clinic for transgender care between Oakland and Sacramento; and

Whereas, research shows that 2-7% of all adults are lesbian, gay or bisexual and through The Family Acceptance Project at SFSU research shows that families, parents, caregivers and guardians can have a very dramatic impact on the well-being of their LGBTQ youth demonstrating family and community acceptance promotes health and protects LGBTQ young people against risk; and

Whereas, more same-sex families are identifying themselves to the US Census in 2010 placing Contra Costa County 15th in the state's 58 counties with the most same-sex couples per capita; and

Whereas, the Rainbow Community Center is the only organization in Contra Costa County that is solely focused on serving the LGBTQ community with priorities to build services for LGBTQ youth, seniors, people living with HIV/AIDS and to develop community building efforts that will diminish the sense of isolation and promote greater acceptance of all LGBTQ people; and

Whereas, Contra Costa County's LGBTQ service partners include the County's Pride Initiative, Rainbow Community Center, RYSE Center, Richmond Rainbow Pride, Center for Human Development, Gender Spectrum, El Cerrito High School James

Morehouse Project, Oakland/East Bay Gay Men's Chorus, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Queer Alliances Contra Costa, Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center, and the Welcoming Churches coalition; and

Whereas, in Contra Costa County, LGBTQ community residents, employees, businesses, and organizations have made and continue to make, great and lasting contributions adding to the rich diversity of this County; and

Whereas, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors supports and promotes inclusion, non-discrimination, and equality among all County residents.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County declares the month of June 2018 as LGBTQ Pride Month in Contra Costa County and encourages a safe and accepting environment for all members of the community.

KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair, District IV Supervisor

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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: May 22, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy