

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2018/522

Recognizing October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, although progress has been made toward breaking the cycle of violence and providing support to victims and their families, much work remains to be done; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence programs in California provide essential, lifesaving services for victims and their children fleeing violence; and

WHEREAS, advocates and organizations work on behalf of victims every day.

Domestic violence shelters and services, law enforcement officials, health care providers, court systems and legal aid providers, tribal organizations, and others are all an integral part of the effort to end domestic violence and must be recognized and applauded for their work; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence embody incredible strength and resilience; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the public awareness and understanding of domestic violence and the needs of victims; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects women, men, and children of all racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California; and

WHEREAS, the marginalization of certain groups in society, including undocumented individuals, transgender individuals, Native American women residing on reservations, and people living with disabilities, increases their vulnerability to intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the need to understand the complexity of violence as perpetuated within communities and against communities, and the fear of many victims to report their victimization; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence has a significant economic impact on women, throughout our country, an estimated 8 million days of paid work is lost as the result of intimate partner violence. Domestic violence costs \$8.3 billion in expenses annually; and

WHEREAS, among families, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, all people deserve to feel safe at home and in their communities and victims deserve access to culturally relevant programs and services to increase their safety and improve their life situations; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40% of California women experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS California law enforcement agencies received 169,362 domestic violence-related calls in 2017; and California had 90 domestic violence deaths in 2017 (80 females and 10 males).

WHEREAS, children exposed to domestic violence can experience long-term consequences including difficulty at school, substance abuse, and serious adult health problems; and

WHEREAS, our community works to interrupt the generational, traumatic and

progressive cycle of violence by fostering cross-sector and cross discipline partnerships including the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse, STAND! for Families Free of Violence, Contra Costa Office of the District Attorney, all local jurisdictions of law enforcement, numerous county departments and non-profit partners and the Contra Costa Family Justice Alliance; and

WHEREAS, these partners of our County work to raise awareness so individuals will become advocates, and will take action to prevent domestic violence in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim OCTOBER, 2018 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, and urges all residents to actively participate in the efforts to end domestic violence in our homes, in our schools, and in our communities.

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: October 9, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy