

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2018/525

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 21 – 27, 2018 AS “CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK”

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognizes the importance of a safe environment including healthy homes for all of our children and families; and

WHEREAS, an important part of ensuring a safe environment is preventing Contra Costa children from being poisoned by lead in their homes and community; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning often has few or no early visible symptoms and often goes undetected; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning can have lifelong effects, especially for children, ranging from cognitive and behavioral problems to delayed growth and learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa children may be exposed to lead from deteriorated lead-based paint and contaminated soil, and from other sources such as cultural and consumer products, lead brought home from the workplace, and historic environmental contamination; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has recognized that children are harmed by even low levels of lead and has enabled the Contra Costa Lead Poisoning Prevention Project to offer services to these children; and

WHEREAS, to keep our children safe and healthy, all children under the age of six should be assessed for lead exposure, at-risk children should receive blood tests for lead; and lead hazards must be identified and removed from a child’s environment; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning is preventable through greater awareness and elimination of the many sources of lead; using lead-safe work practices when disturbing lead-based paint; and ensuring that children have a healthy diet and access to health care; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County’s Lead Poisoning Prevention Project (LPPP) has been working effectively since 1993 to reduce the number of lead poisoned children in Contra Costa through case management, outreach and education, and early intervention services; and

WHEREAS, some of the nearly 10,000 Contra Costa children screened each year are still exposed to the dangers of lead;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors proclaims October 21 - 27, 2018, as Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Contra Costa County, to prevent childhood lead poisoning through increased community awareness and activities supporting the elimination of lead from our homes, consumer products and other sources, and the environment.

KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District I Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS
District III Supervisor

District II Supervisor

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: October 16, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy