

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2019/624**

Proclaiming November as Homelessness Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as Homelessness Awareness Month in the United States; and  
WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public and advocate with and on behalf of people experiencing homelessness about the many reasons people are homeless, including the shortage of affordable housing in Contra Costa County; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and  
WHEREAS, there are over twenty organizations in Contra Costa committed to sheltering, providing supportive services, and/or basic resources to people experiencing homelessness; and  
WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognizes that homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Contra Costa; and  
WHEREAS, 6,924 individuals accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in 2018; and  
WHEREAS, 600 families, including 1,103 minors, accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in 2018; and  
WHEREAS, 36% of homeless veterans in Contra Costa (178 out of 496 homeless veterans) have been homeless for 12 months or more; and  
WHEREAS 659 seniors over the age of 62 accessed homeless services in 2018; and  
WHEREAS, Contra Costa has only 28% of shelter capacity needed for single adults; and  
WHEREAS, In Contra Costa, renters need to earn nearly 3 times the local minimum wage to afford the median monthly asking rent of \$2,286; and  
WHEREAS, a report by California Housing Partnership in 2019 found that Contra Costa County needs over 30,000 more affordable rental homes to meet the needs of its lowest income renters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Contra Costa County hereby proclaims November as Homelessness Awareness Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Contra Costa County encourages all residents to recognize that thousands of people in Contra Costa do not have housing and need support from citizens and private/public nonprofit service entities to address the myriad challenges of homelessness.

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1. Contra Costa County Homeless Continuum of Care 2018 Annual Report, p. 4, <https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/pdf/Annual-Report-2018.pdf>  
2. Contra Costa County Homeless Continuum of Care 2018 Annual Report, p. 12 and 14 <https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/pdf/Annual-Report-2018.pdf?>  
3. Contra Costa County Homeless Continuum of Care 2018 Annual Report, p. 16, <https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/pdf/Annual-Report-2018.pdf>  
4. Contra Costa County Homeless Continuum of Care 2018 Annual Report, p. 14, <https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/pdf/Annual-Report-2018.pdf>  
5. Contra Costa County Homeless Continuum of Care 2018 Annual Report, p. 29, <https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/pdf/Annual-Report-2018.pdf>  
6. Contra Costa County's Housing Emergency Update, May 2019, <https://1p08d91kd0c03rlxhmhtydpr-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Contra-Costa-HNR-2019-Final.pdf>  
7. Ibid

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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: November 5, 2019

David J. Twa,

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