

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2020/241

Declaring September 2020 “Bike Anywhere Month”, and October 7 “Clean Air Day” in Contra Costa County

WHEREAS, Clean air and a healthy atmosphere support human health; and

WHEREAS, Breathing clean air is vital to healthy lungs, healthy circulatory systems, healthy bodies and minds; and

WHEREAS, Climate change and global warming have negative consequences for the environment and for public health; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County encourages its employees and residents to do what they can to protect and improve air quality for the health of people and of the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, One way residents and employees can advocate for clean air is by participating in the annual California Clean Air Day and Bike to Work Day, which are modified this year due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, This year Bike to Work Day, which was cancelled in May because of the virus, is Bike Wherever Month for all of September, 2020; and Clean Air Day, October 7, 2020 features an on-line pledge with activities to improve air quality and fight climate change, including virus-safe actions; and

WHEREAS, One of the many actions people can take on California Clean Air Day is taking a bike ride or using a bicycle instead of a car. Contra Costa County acknowledges that bicycling is a viable transportation mode to improve the "livability" of communities by reducing traffic noise and congestion, in addition to being a zero carbon emission mode of getting around;

WHEREAS, Bike to Work Days have proven effective in converting drivers into bicyclists and educating citizens about the public health benefits of bicycling to work regularly, and the goal of Bike to Wherever Days is to encourage people to ride their bicycle for all types of trips; and

WHEREAS, California Clean Air Day, October 7, is a collective day of action sponsored by the nonprofit Coalition for Clean Air. In 2019, more than 650,000 Californians participated in Clean Air Day; and

WHEREAS, To participate in Clean Air Day visit the website Cleanairday.org and pledge to take action from a menu of activities that help clean the air, from planting a tree, to buying produce locally, to walking or biking instead of taking a car, to switching from your gas-powered to an electric vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Clean Air Day has pledge activities for children and for organizations or businesses; and

WHEREAS, Even in a pandemic, residents and workers in Contra Costa County can safely work together to improve our air quality and reverse climate change in easy, fun, and interesting ways;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September 2020 as "Bike to Wherever Days" in Contra Costa County and October 7, 2020 as Clean Air Day in Contra Costa County, and encourage residents and workers to take action for the health of individuals, our communities, and our planet.

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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: September 8, 2020

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy