

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2020/248

Recognizing September 2020 as Coastal Cleanup Month

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay, the Carquinez Strait, the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Delta, and all creeks and streams draining into these bodies of water are natural and recreational treasures for Contra Costa County, the region, and the State; and

WHEREAS, The environmental health of Contra Costa County's beautiful shorelines and waterways is related to our economy, from fisheries to recreational opportunities to shipping, as well as to our physical health; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay, the Delta, and all of Contra Costa County's waterways are threatened by pollution from many sources including trash and debris washed down from residential areas, to industrial pollution; and

WHEREAS, Many Contra Costa County residents and workers are committed to cleaning and protecting our natural water treasures, from participating in community clean-ups to supporting environmental practices and policies, and

WHEREAS, This year, the months of September and October offer special opportunities for cleaning the San Francisco Bay and other waterways with a month-long California Coastal Cleanup in September, 2020, and a month-long Bay Day, in October, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Coastal Cleanup, sponsored by the California Coastal Commission, and Bay Day, sponsored by the nonprofit Save the Bay organization, are usually one-day community events, but were modified this year for the COVID-19 pandemic, with a month for solo or small group activities to allow for social distancing; and

WHEREAS, Coastal Cleanup month, September 2020, encourages people to participate in family or small group neighborhood cleanups of local sidewalks, streets, and parks. Much of this trash ends up draining to the San Francisco Bay or Delta through gutters or creeks; and

WHEREAS, The nonprofit Watershed Project, the umbrella organization for Coastal Cleanup sites countywide, calls this year the first ever DYI Coastal Cleanup Day, with the motto: "A clean shore starts at your front door." See the watershedproject.org for more; and

WHEREAS, Save the Bay is celebrating the 5th Annual Bay Day with a month-long Bay Day Trail Challenge, asking people to take an on-line pledge to walk, run, bike, wheel, or paddle 25 miles of the San Francisco Bay Trail (of 350 miles of accessible trail) or chose other adventures to connect and engage with the Bay. See Bayday.org for more; 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, Coastal Cleanup Day, or Month, and Bay Day, or Month, are great ways to appreciate and support Contra Costa County's natural resource treasures through recreational or clean-up activities; and
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September 2020 as "Coastal Cleanup Month" in Contra Costa County and October, 2020 as "Bay Day Month" in Contra Costa County, and encourages residents and workers to participate in one or both to support and enjoy our natural and recreational treasures.

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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 15, 2020

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy