

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2020/268**

**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 25 – 31, 2020 AS “CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK”**

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognizes the importance of healthy homes and a safe environment 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, research shows that children are harmed by even low levels of lead, and that lead poisoning often has few or no early visible symptoms; 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, 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 lead hazards; 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, the State of California has enabled the Contra Costa Lead Poisoning Prevention Project (LPPP) to offer services to these children, and since 1993 the LPPP has been working to reduce the number of lead poisoned children in Contra Costa through case management, outreach and education, and early intervention services; and

WHEREAS, screening results show that Contra Costa children are still being exposed to the dangers of lead; and

WHEREAS, lead can be found in many products and locations, lead exposure is preventable. We encourage all County of Contra Costa residents to learn about the risk and potential sources of lead exposure, and the steps we can take to protect our children.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors proclaims October 25-31, 2020 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.

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**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 13, 2020

David J. Twa,

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