

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

In the matter of: Resolution No. IN SUPPORT OF DECLARING UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants, whose strength comes from our diversity; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution guarantees equality for all individuals, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ancestry, or political views; and

WHEREAS, recent federal policies and rhetoric have generated a toxic environment that encourages the propagation of racist, xenophobic, sexist, homophobic, Islamophobic, anti-Semitic and other bigoted views by emboldened hate groups and individuals; and

WHEREAS, deep divisions within our country allow for the festering of extreme ideology, further strengthening a cycle of mistrust and suspicion fueled by fear, anxiety, and insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the number of hate crimes across the United States has increased dramatically over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, over the last few years, white nationalist groups held violent rallies in cities across the country, including in the East Bay Area, instilling fear across our many diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County is deeply committed to inclusivity and equity; and

WHEREAS, The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors has previously declared Contra Costa County a Welcoming County, recognizing that a community is strongest when everyone feels welcomed, and brings immigrants, refugees, and the broader community together to develop inclusive policies, programs, and initiatives that build welcoming and loving communities; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County Stands United Against Hate and desires to state our shared values and reiterate our commitment to inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, education, compassion, and cooperation are key to understanding and embracing differences between people; and

WHEREAS, sponsoring a United Against Hate Week is an important step in bridging divisions and healing communities; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare the week of November 30, 2020 through December 6, 2020 as United Against Hate Week in Contra Costa County.