

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2021/109

Contra Costa County proclaiming April 2021 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WHEREAS, in California there were 14,720 forcible rapes in 2019 and 320 forcible rapes reported in Contra Costa County in the same year, with an increasing number affecting adolescents; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects every person in Contra Costa County as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Contra Costa County are working to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors, and dedicated volunteers help staff 24-hour crisis hotlines, respond to emergency calls and offer support, comfort and advocacy during forensic exams, criminal proceedings, and throughout the healing process; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse involves several agencies working together to affect a systems change that reduces interpersonal violence (domestic violence, family violence, sexual violence and human trafficking) by fostering the development and implementation of collaborative, coordinated, and integrated services, supports, interventions, and prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of Community Violence Solutions and its Rape Crisis Center, Children's Interview Center, Prevention Department, HOPE Therapy Services and Anti-Trafficking Project programs in Contra Costa County are promoting education by offering training to schools, churches, and civic organizations, as well as medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding sexual assault issues; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important to support and enhance continued educational efforts to provide information about sexual assault prevention and services; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to intensify public awareness of sexual assault, to educate people about the need for citizen involvement in efforts to reduce sexual violence, to increase support for agencies providing sexual assault services, and to increase awareness of the healing power of creative expression; and

WHEREAS, Community Violence Solutions requests public support and assistance as it continues to work toward a society where all women, children, and men can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of California, I do hereby proclaim April 2021 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month."

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Chair, District III Supervisor

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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: March 30, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy