

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2021/251

In the Matter of Recognizing Monument Crisis Center for their 18 years of service to our community and the establishment of their “forever home”

WHEREAS, in 2003, a small group of concerned citizens banded together and founded Monument Crisis Center; and

WHEREAS, Monument Crisis Center initially started to serve the community as a food pantry that worked out of one single office and food “closet” and served 84 families on the first day of food distribution in the Monument Corridor; and

WHEREAS, not only does the Monument Crisis Center still have the food pantry, but they have several other programs as well including Senior Moments, After School Café, Summer and Holiday Food Box Drives, Annual Backpack Drive; and

WHEREAS, Monument Crisis Center seeks to improve the health of the community through Nutrition and Cooking classes, health screenings, dental screening and physical education; and

WHEREAS, After School Café is a tutoring program held throughout the school year where high school students help to tutor the neighborhood children. Not only do the younger students learn and improve in school, but the high school students learn responsibility and accountability; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the needs in the community skyrocketed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Monument Crisis Center stepped up to the challenge and got back to basics with focusing on the food pantry program; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, Monument Crisis Center has averaged 171.1 households per day, spiking to an average of 298.2 households per day in April 2020 and over three months, from April to June of 2020, staff and volunteers served 1.5 households per minute every minute they were open; and

WHEREAS, the local community has supplied Monument Crisis Center with 10,000-12,000 pounds of nonperishable food donated every day for the distributions; and

WHEREAS, the health of clients is extremely important to Monument Crisis Center. They have partnered with Contra Costa Health Services to provide flu vaccines and partnered with La Clínica De La Raza to provide COVID-19 vaccine clinics to the community during some of the food distributions to provide a one-stop-shop of resources; and

WHEREAS, to preserve the location at 1990 Market Street in Concord, after tailoring the building to provide an extraordinary number of services, Monument Crisis Center embarked on a journey to purchase the building; and

WHEREAS, after many years of savings, combined with the recent capital campaign efforts, the help of private foundations, family foundations, long-time supporters, and donations from the greater community, Monument Crisis Center combined to raise the funds essential for the down payment, making it possible for MCC to secure a commercial loan for the balance; and

WHEREAS, at the request of California Senator Steve Glazer (D-Contra Costa), the California State Legislature voted to include Monument Crisis Center in the state budget by directing \$3.7 million to Monument Crisis Center’s capital expenses, which will pay off the remainder of the commercial mortgage, generating an equivalent savings of \$15,000 a month that can now be

directed to essential client services.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors does hereby honor Monument Crisis Center on their 18th anniversary and applauds their dedication to helping those with the highest need in our community. **Now Be It Further Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors congratulates Monument Crisis Center on the establishment of their “forever home” and to their long-term goal to provide food, education, and resources across our County.

DIANE BURGIS

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: August 3, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy