

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2021/372

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONTRA COSTA ALLIANCE TO END ABUSE

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is honored to recognize the Alliance to End Abuse as it celebrates its 20th anniversary on November 2nd, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse has tirelessly advocated for victims of interpersonal violence for 20 years and was instrumental in the creation of the Contra Costa Family Justice Center 10 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse is an initiative of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors which strives to affect systems change in an effort to reduce interpersonal violence in our communities by fostering the development and implementation of collaborative, coordinated and integrated services, supports, interventions and prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse has pioneered the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) and trained 5 separate law enforcement agencies in Contra Costa County to incorporate LAP into their response to survivors of interpersonal violence; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse has been at the forefront of innovative practices in the field of interpersonal violence prevention by incorporating the use of Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT's) to review high risk cases of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking as well as Domestic Violence Homicides (Death Review) cases to better share information and learn preventive measures to reduce the scope of both domestic violence and human trafficking in Contra Costa County.; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance to End Abuse has been pivotal in Improving Criminal Justice Response as part of an effort by the Office of Violence Against Women to better fill in gaps in providing interpersonal violence prevention services; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance to End Abuse has prioritized Elder Abuse Prevention and has a commitment to advocating for individuals who are 50 years of age or older who are victims of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance to End Abuse has led a multi-year process to create a strategic plan for violence prevention known as the Contra Costa Call to Action. The Contra Costa Call to Action has had significant progress since its launch in February 2020 and has goals of building sustainable infrastructure for violence prevention, fostering early childhood development, encouraging community connectedness and improving economic stability for residents of Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance to End Abuse has prioritized enacting the principles of racial equity and has devoted itself to leading training for multiple partners to develop tools to challenge patterns of power and grow more inclusive over the course of several years; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance to End Abuse has advocated for a public health approach to violence prevention and treating violence as a preventable disease. The Alliance to End Abuse has relentlessly supported the view that exposure to violence causes negative outcomes and that Adverse Childhood Experiences can be prevented by promoting resilience factors and reducing risk factors for violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board of Supervisors, County of Contra Costa, State of California, does hereby recognize the 20th Anniversary of the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse on the 2nd day of November 2021 and commends the Alliance for its commitment and dedication to preventing interpersonal violence and supporting the critical work of multiple partners, both public and private, throughout the County to better prevent interpersonal violence; and FURTHERMORE, the Board of Supervisors extends their gratitude and appreciation to the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse for their profound contribution to Contra Costa County and Society as a whole.

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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: November 2, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy