

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/118

Proclaiming April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WHEREAS, in California there were 13,439 forcible rapes in 2020 and 283 forcible rapes reported in Contra Costa County in the same year; with an increasing number affecting adolescents, and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects every person of 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 County's Alliance to End Abuse, a division of the Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Department, 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, 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 that continued educational efforts to provide information about prevention and services for sexual assault be supported and enhanced; 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisor of Contra Costa County does hereby 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, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month."

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Chair, District IV 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: April 12, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy