

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/351

Proclaim October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a prevalent social problem significantly impacting the health and well-being of Contra Costa residents; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States and here in California; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the survivors of domestic violence themselves who have been at the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Contra Costa County should feel safe in their homes, their schools, and their community; and

WHEREAS, the domestic violence-related calls for assistance data shows in 2021 a total of 2,771 domestic violence related calls for service were received by Contra Costa Law Enforcement Agencies and out of which 864 involved the use of a weapon; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in 11 female teens and one in 15 male teens reported experiencing sexual dating violence in the last year.

WHEREAS, STAND! for Families Free of Violence is committed to promoting safe and strong families; providing a complete spectrum of prevention, intervention, and treatment programs, while also enlisting the efforts of local residents, partners, and institutions, all of whom are striving to stop domestic violence and child abuse; and

WHEREAS, STAND! For Families Free of Violence receives 12,000-15,000 Crisis Calls annually, and served nearly 250 adults and 120 children survivors in emergency shelter, and 2,000 in community last year in Contra Costa County.

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse works to interrupt the generational, traumatic and progressive cycle of violence by fostering partnerships, and numerous public and private agencies provide services and support to families and individuals experiencing domestic violence including County Departments, law enforcement jurisdictions, advocacy organizations and community based agencies; and

WHEREAS, the County works to raise awareness so individuals will become advocates, and will take action to prevent domestic violence in their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2022 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, and urges all residents to actively participate in the efforts to end domestic violence in our homes, in our schools, and in our communities.

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**

Chair, District IV Supervisor

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District I Supervisor

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District III Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**

District V Supervisor

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: October 11, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy