

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2023/49

In the Matter of Recognizing Monument Crisis Center for its 20 years of service to our community

WHEREAS, Monument Crisis Center opened its doors on August 19, 2003 as a food pantry with start-up funding from the Safeway Foundation, Salvation Army, Soroptimist International of Pleasant Hill as well as several individual donors; and

WHEREAS, Monument Crisis Center initially 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, today, Monument Crisis Center, with a staff of 13 people, serves over 5,000 residents a month and has a facility that is multiple stories; and

WHEREAS, not only does 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 offer nutritious food, quality resources, and referrals to low-income individuals and families in order to help them become stable and secure in our community; 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 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 by focusing on the food pantry program; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, Monument Crisis Center averaged 171.1 households per day, spiking to an average of 298.2 households per day in April 2020; 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 Clinica 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, over the last 20 years, Monument Crisis Center has changed lives, including their staff, all the staff started as volunteers or interns and 100% are from the low-income or immigrant communities that Monument Crisis Center continues to serve today.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors does hereby honor Monument Crisis Center on its 20th anniversary. **Now be it further resolved** that the Board of Supervisors applauds Monument Crisis Center’s dedication to helping those with the highest need and for continually providing new services to meet the evolving needs of our community.

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Chair, District I 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: February 7, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy