

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2023/106**

**Proclaiming April 2023 as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month**

WHEREAS, sexual violence affects many Contra Costa County residents, whether as a victim or survivor, or as a family member, significant other, child, friend, coworker, or neighbor of a victim or survivor; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Contra Costa County had 252 forcible rapes reported, with a rising number of adolescents affected; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 Community Violence Solutions (CVS) reported 1,283 calls to the Rape Crisis Center's crisis line, completed 203 sexual assault forensic exams, served 362 clients through its HOPE Therapy Services, and conducted 498 interviews through its Children's Interview Center; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County community volunteers are working together to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors, through 24-hour crisis hotlines that respond to emergency calls and offer support, provide comfort and advocacy during forensic exams, criminal proceedings, and throughout the healing process; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County's Alliance to End Abuse strives to bring systems together in an effort to reduce interpersonal violence in our communities by fostering the development of collaborative services, supports, interventions and prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, CVS and its Rape Crisis Center, Sexual Assault Response Team, Children's Interview Center, Prevention Department, HOPE Therapy Services and Anti-Trafficking Project programs in Contra Costa County promote education by offering training to schools, churches, and civic organizations, as well as to medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding sexual assault issues; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance to End Abuse and CVS continue to work toward a society where all women, children, and men can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members are part of the solution to end sexual violence, and thereby proclaim April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

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**JOHN GIOIA**

Chair, District I Supervisor

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

District II Supervisor

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District III Supervisor

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**KEN CARLSON**

District IV 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: April 4, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

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

