

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California
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IN THE MATTER OF HONORING
THE SPECIAL KIDS FOUNDATION, INC.,
FOR THEIR EXTENSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH DISABILITIES
IN EAST COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2009/151

WHEREAS, Special Kids Foundation, Inc.'s mission is to promote the education, awareness, and success of all families with children who have special needs of every kind. They aim to provide support, friendship, and a "one-ness" with these challenged families, while providing them with the resources to help in raising these "special kids" to be productive, happy, successful adults, regardless of their disabilities. They continually strive to serve the whole family, and to aid in the preservation of each family as a working, functioning unit; and

WHEREAS, The population in the eight East County cities has grown reaching over 226,281 in 2005. The number of children, ages 2-22, with some sort of disability is over 4,753. However, these numbers do not reflect children who are either being served privately, are under the age of two, or those undiagnosed. The quality of the lives of the families hit by the effects of a child or children with disabilities, has dropped dramatically, as the resources available to them has diminished; and


WHEREAS, Special Kids Foundation, Inc. will restore a semblance of a more normal family life to these families. The Special Kids Foundation's facility will house the therapies and specialists needed, close to home location, to serve the families who live in East Contra Costa County. These families will then be empowered to work on revitalizing their life, and will be able to restore the relative calm that would otherwise have prevailed in their homes; and

WHEREAS, Special Kids Foundation, Inc. and supporters remain diligent in their vision to create an all inclusive facility to serve the varied needs of the increasing numbers of special needs children, and to provide support and educational opportunities for their families;

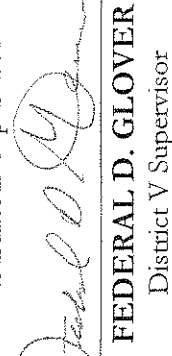
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby recognizes the Special Kids Foundation, Inc. for their hard work and dedication to improve the lives of Eastern Contra Costa children with disabilities and their families.

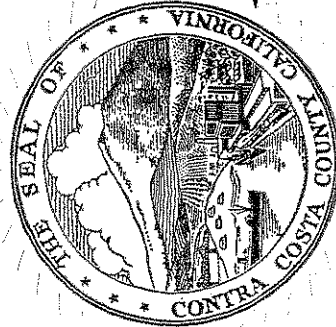

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: *April 21, 2009*

DAVID J. JWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By *Katherine Swilair*, Deputy