

# The Board of Supervisors of RR.3 or C.13 Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing blood safety and  
awareness on World AIDS Day 2009

RESOLUTION NO. 2009/557

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1st; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization established World AIDS Day in 1988 to ensure renewed and continual constructive attention to the grave threat posed by both HIV-AIDS and the debilitating medical conditions, pain, suffering and social-familial-economic hardships associated with HIV infection; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day provides governments, national AIDS programs, faith organizations, community organizations, and individuals with the opportunity to raise awareness and focus attention on the global AIDS epidemic; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, The Centers for Disease Control reports that there are more than 1 million people currently living with HIV infection, and more than 40,000 Americans become infected with HIV annually; and

WHEREAS, among the individuals whose lives have been shattered by HIV, approximately ten thousand have been affected by bleeding disorders, specifically people with hemophilia, have contracted HIV (as well as Hepatitis C and other viruses) as a result of tainted blood products prescribed for use during the 1980's and 1990's; and

WHEREAS, family members of infected persons with bleeding disorders have contracted HIV from the infected persons who, at the time, were unaware of their seroconversion; and

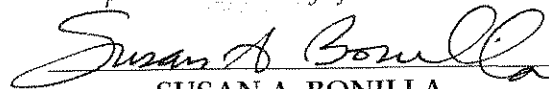
WHEREAS, among the infected, no less than eight thousand have died; and

WHEREAS, the prognosis is hopeful for people living with HIV and related infections but they must confront daily the fear of disease, pain and suffering associated with HIV, as well as financial and social challenges; and

WHEREAS, improved safety and monitoring of blood, blood products and other medications is essential for patients with chronic illness who depend on safe, available medications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors proclaims December 1, 2009 as World AIDS Day in Contra Costa County and marks this solemn occasion by identifying the need to address issues of blood safety and security at all levels of government.

*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members  
present this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009.*



SUSAN A. BONILLA

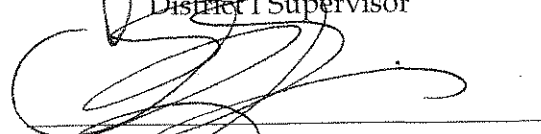
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District I Supervisor



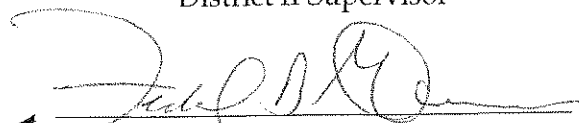
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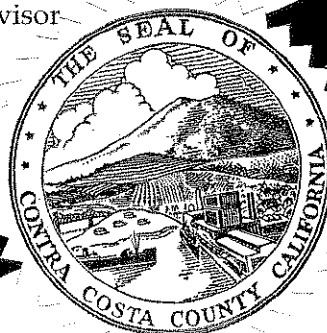
GAYLE B. UILKEMA

District II Supervisor



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: December 15, 2009

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and  
County Administrator

By  Deputy

Introduced by Supervisor Susan A. Bonilla