

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of declaring the month of January
as "National Blood Donor Month"

RESOLUTION NO. 2013/47

WHEREAS, donating blood is a potentially lifesaving gift that millions of Americans can give; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure an adequate blood supply and to stress the importance of giving the "Gift of Life" through the donation of blood; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional healthy, regular volunteer donors to join the ranks of those who already give of themselves so generously; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation may help save three lives; and

WHEREAS, every day blood is needed in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients, and to help save the lives of accident victims; and


WHEREAS, the need for blood is constant, especially during the winter months when blood is traditionally in short supply due to a reduction in donor turnout because of the holidays, busy travel schedules, inclement weather and illness, which can put blood inventory at a critical low; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region distributes more than 130,000 pints of blood per year to help save local patients, yet fewer than 100,000 pints of blood are collected in the region annually; and

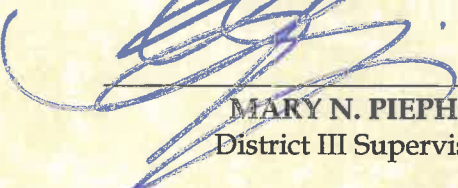
WHEREAS, some 38 percent of the public is eligible to donate, yet fewer than 8 percent of these individuals donate blood; and

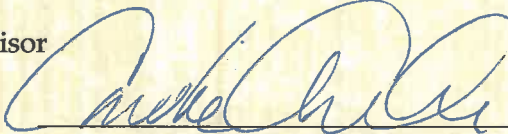
WHEREAS, there is a need for civic and service organizations and businesses to sponsor blood drives. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the month of January as "National Blood Donor Month" and urge all citizens to pay tribute to those among us who donate for others in need. We urge citizens in good health to donate regularly. We also urge all civic and service organizations and businesses, if they have not already done so, to form blood donor groups to provide blood for others.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 15th day of January, 2013.


FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair,
District V Supervisor


JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor


MARY N. PIEPHO
District III Supervisor


CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor


KAREN MITCHOFF
District IV 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: January 15, 2013

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

By , Deputy

Introduced by Supervisor Karen Mitchoff

