

The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of proclaiming April 2014 as "National Sexual
Assault Awareness Month" in Contra Costa County

Resolution No. 2014/121

WHEREAS, in California there were 7,828 forcible rapes in 2012 and 169 forcible rapes reported in Contra Costa County in the same year; with an increasing number affecting adolescents; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects every person of Contra Costa County as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Contra Costa County are working to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors; and dedicated volunteers help staff 24-hour hotlines, respond to emergency calls and offer support, comfort and advocacy during medical exams, criminal proceedings, and throughout the healing process; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of Community Violence Solutions and its Rape Crisis Center, Children's Interview Center, Prevention Department, and Anti-Trafficking Project programs in Contra Costa County are promoting education by offering training to schools, churches, and civic organizations, as well as medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding sexual assault issues; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that continued educational efforts to provide information about prevention and services for sexual assault be supported and enhanced; and

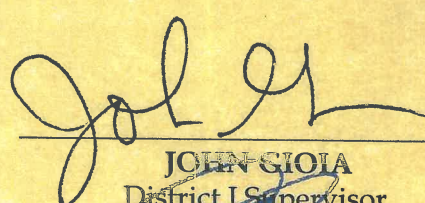
WHEREAS, it is critical to intensify public awareness of sexual assault, to educate people about the need for citizen involvement in efforts to reduce sexual violence, to increase support for agencies providing sexual assault services, and to increase awareness of the healing power of creative expression; and

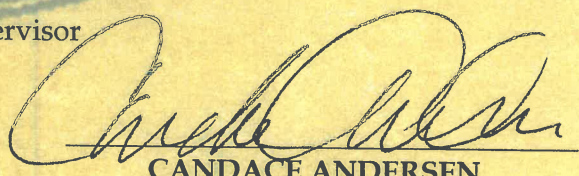
WHEREAS, Community Violence Solutions continues to work toward a society where all women, children, and men can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim April 2014 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Contra Costa County and encourage community members to be a part of the solution to end sexual violence.

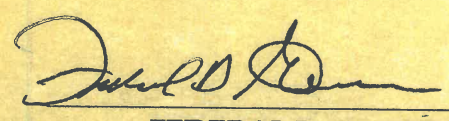
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 22nd day of April, 2014.


KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair,
District IV Supervisor


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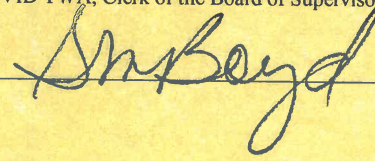


Introduced by Supervisor Mitchoff

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 22, 2014

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

By , Deputy