

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing Pillars of Hope for their  
outstanding work in combating Human Trafficking

**Resolution No. 2015/56**

WHEREAS, Pillars of Hope was founded on September 17, 2010, by Ms. Debra Brown; and

WHEREAS, the mission for Pillars of Hope is to combat the darkness of modern day slavery, also known as Human Trafficking; and

WHEREAS, even though slavery has been outlawed since 1865 in our Country, Human Trafficking, which includes sex trafficking, is the world's fastest growing crime - with California, and the Bay Area in particular, near the epicenter; and

WHEREAS, contrary to popular belief, the majority of the victims are not people from foreign countries. Most of the victims of human trafficking in America are from the United States; seventy-two percent of human trafficking victims whose country of origin was identified are American, according to the 2012 State of Human Trafficking report from the Attorney General's Office; and

WHEREAS, victims of Human Trafficking are often conditioned with starvation, rape, gang rape, physical abuse, confinement, threats of violence, forced drug use and shame; and

WHEREAS, 30,000 victims of Human Trafficking die each year, some as young as 6 years old; and

WHEREAS, Pillars of Hope will help combat the Human Trafficking that has plagued our Cities, States and Country through public awareness campaigns, intervention, prevention, safe transitional housing and reintegration programs for rescued victims; and

WHEREAS, Pillars of Hope will continue to make a difference in the lives of survivors, by returning them to society and fulfilling their purpose of life.

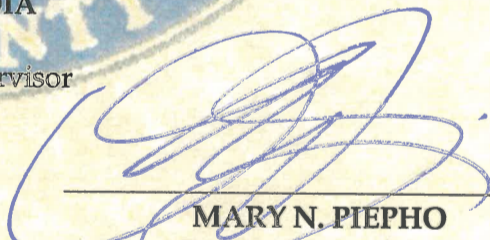
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize Pillars of Hope for their commitment and dedication to restore the lives of those affected by Human Trafficking.

*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.*

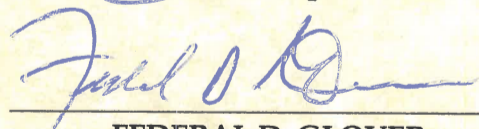
  
JOHN GIOIA  
Chair,  
District I Supervisor

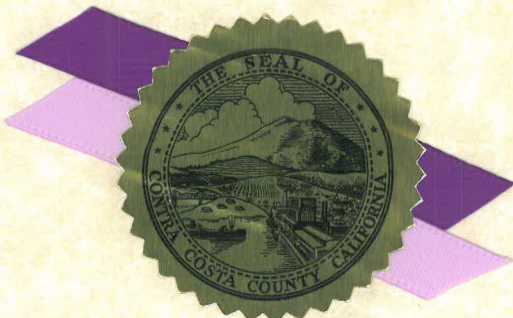
ABSENT

CANDACE ANDERSEN  
District II Supervisor

  
MARY N. PIEPHO  
District III Supervisor

  
KAREN MITCHOFF  
District IV Supervisor

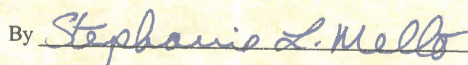
  
FEDERAL D. GLOVER  
District V Supervisor



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: February 10, 2015

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

By  Deputy

Introduced by Supervisor Piepho