

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2015/118

Proclaiming April 2015 Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Contra Costa County

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence including rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment is widespread and impacts every member of our community; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives, and 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention and education must be a priority to confront the reality that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will experience a sexual assault before the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, in California there were 9,714 forcible rapes in 2013 and 169 forcible rapes reported in Contra Costa County in the same year; with an increasing number affecting adolescents; 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 proceeding, 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, Community Violence Solutions depends on public support and assistance as it 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 join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence and declare April 2015 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Contra Costa County, as it is being proclaimed across the United States

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this the 14th day of April, 2015.


JOHN GIOIA

Chair,

District I Supervisor


CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor


MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor


KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

ABSENT

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: , 2015

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

By  Deputy

