

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 on August 6, 2015

Resolution No. 2015/298

WHEREAS, On August 6, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law, a landmark piece of federal legislation that prohibits racial discrimination in voting; Congress later amended the Act five times to expand its protections; and

WHEREAS, the Act was designed to enforce the voting rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, allowing for a mass enfranchisement of racial minorities throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the Act contains numerous provisions that regulate the administration of elections and provide nationwide protections for voting rights; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires jurisdictions containing significant language-minority populations to provide bilingual ballots and other election materials; and

WHEREAS, the Act has been the single most effective tool in protecting the right to vote and assuring the integrity of the voting process in this century.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, on August 6, 2015. We honor its significance; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors will continue to protect the rights of voters in Contra Costa County; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recognize the great contributions and achievements of our government leaders and civil rights activists for encouraging participation in the democratic process and protecting voter rights.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 18th day of August, 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: August 18, 2015

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

By  Deputy