## The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of proclaiming October, 2015 as "STAND! For Families Free of Violence Month" in Contra Costa County

Resolution No. 2015/380

WHEREAS, family violence continues to be prevalent as a social problem due to the imbalance of power in gender and age; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, affectional preferences and societal barriers and are supported by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting men, women, children, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is the survivors of domestic violence themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Contra Costa County should feel safe in their homes, their schools, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, STAND! for Families Free of Violence provides domestic violence services to families and individuals in Contra Costa County, serving over 15,000 clients annually; and

WHEREAS, STAND! for Families Free of Violence is a multi-service agency, providing: 24 hour crisis line, emergency and transitional shelter, legal advocacy, children and teen programs, counseling, support groups, employment training, a batterer's treatment program, and educational prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, October is "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and STAND! For Families Free of Violence is hosting their annual Rebuilding Lives Luncheon on October 8th, 2015 to help build safer families, schools, neighborhoods, and communities for Contra Costa County and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim October, 2015 as "STAND! for Families Free of Violence Month", and does urge all citizens to actively participate in the efforts to end violence in our homes, in our schools, and in our communities.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 13th day of October, 2015.

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Chair,

District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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MARY N. PIEPHO District III Supervisor

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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: October 13, 2015

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

By Stephanie Z. Mello, Deputy

