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

In the matter of proclaiming October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 "Men of Merit Day" in Contra Costa County

Resolution No. 2015/396

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a prevalent social problem significantly impacting the health and well-being of Contra Costa residents; and

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

WHEREAS, the DELTA (Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances) Project believes that all forms of Domestic Violence are preventable and the key to primary prevention is to focus on men and boys who are often the perpetrators of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the DELTA Project believes that while men want to be involved in preventing domestic violence, they do not because they have not been asked; and

WHEREAS, by engaging men to promote and create positive community norms, young boys and men will grow up believing that violence does not equal strength; and

WHEREAS, the DELTA Project is made up of a coalition of partners including: STAND! For Families Free of Violence, Contra Costa County's Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Initiative, Kaiser Community Benefit Diablo Area, Travis Credit Union, NETO Community Network, Lighthouse Mentoring Center, Eddie Hart All In One Foundation, Youth Services Bureau, Richmond PAL, Kops for Kids, Contra Costa County Probation Department, Monument Community Partnership, Community Violence Solutions, GNU Group, and community volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the DELTA Project has, since 2005, organized an annual Men of Merit Celebration to acknowledge and mobilize positive male role models nominated by community members; and

WHEREAS, the DELTA Project's 10th annual Men of Merit Celebration will take place on Thursday, October 22nd, 2015 at the Pittsburg Yacht Club, Pittsburg, CA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim October 22nd, 2015 as "Men of Merit Day", and urges all residents to actively participate in the efforts to end domestic violence in our homes, in our schools, and in our communities.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 20th day of October, 2015.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair,

District I Supervisor

**CANDACE ANDERSEN** 

District II Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III 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: October 20, 2015

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

By Step Daniel Mally, Deputy