

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of declaring the week of November 20, 2015 as  
"Transgender Awareness Week" in Contra Costa County

**Resolution No. 2015/383**

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Health Service's Pride Initiative recognizing the growing visibility of transgender people and their unmet healthcare needs, in November 2014, in collaboration with Kaiser Walnut Creek, the Transgender Law Center, Planned Parenthood and the Rainbow Community Center, provided a training on Transgender Primary Care. Primary care and mental health providers from CCHS, Planned Parenthood, Sutter Health, John Muir, Behavioral Health Division, La Clinica and other Contra Costa providers joined together to learn about and improve Transgender health care throughout Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, transgender people are becoming more visible in American society and popular culture. Actress Laverne Cox appeared on the cover of Time in May, 2014, and the following November was declared one of Glamour's Women of the Year. In May, 2015, Caitlyn Jenner was interviewed on national prime time television and appeared on the cover of Vanity Fair in June, 2015. Author Janet Mock released her memoir of growing up transgender, *Redefining Realness*, in February, 2014. And Amazon Studios recently debuted "Transparent," a critically acclaimed comedy-drama about the ramifications when a transgender woman comes out to her family; and

WHEREAS, transgender Americans are experiencing a unique moment in history. Rising visibility, unprecedented advocacy, and changing public opinion are working to provide transgender people greater legal protections than ever before. At the same time, many transgender people, particularly transgender women and transgender people of color, still face enormous barriers to their safety, health, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, for transgender and gender-expansive youth, parental support is incredibly important. In light of growing transgender visibility in recent years, more and more children and their families are looking for transgender youth resources; and

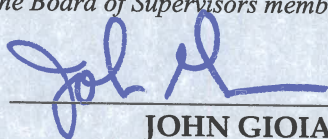
WHEREAS, culturally competent healthcare providers and administrators can help end the health disparities faced by transgender people through providing welcoming, knowledgeable and equitable care to the transgender community. To improve visibility and inclusiveness CCRMC, the Public Health and Behavior Health Division have hung the Transgender Flag for the Transgender Day of Remembrance in November for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, many transgender and gender variant people and activists show bravery and strength, particularly those working within intersections of identity and oppression, demonstrating the spirit of survival in advocating and creating friendly and welcoming spaces for themselves across Contra Costa County – including but not limited to: Diablo Valley Girls, the Brown Boi Project, Gender Spectrum, Contra Costa Health Services, RYSE, Neighborhood House of North Richmond, Planned Parenthood Shasta-Pacific, the Native American Health Center in Richmond, the Center for Human Development, Rainbow Community Center's Transgender Support Group and Gender Voice Support Group, among others; and

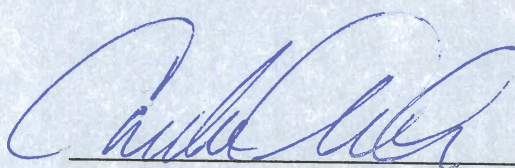
WHEREAS, November 20<sup>th</sup>, "International Transgender Day of Remembrance" provides a meaningful opportunity to honor transgender people, including those who are victims of violence, to take a stand against intolerable and unacceptable hatred and prejudice, and to acknowledge the many dedicated Contra Costa individuals and groups working to support the transgender community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby acknowledge the County's transgender and gender nonconforming youth, seniors, residents, and employees as valued and respected members of our community, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby declare the week of November 20, 2015 as "Transgender Awareness Week" in Contra Costa County, and encourage a safe and accepting environment for all members of the community in Contra Costa, with special attention to our transgender and gender nonconforming communities.

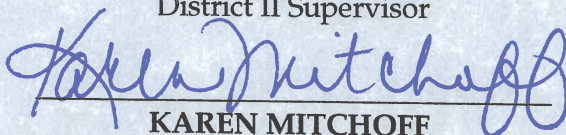
*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.*

  
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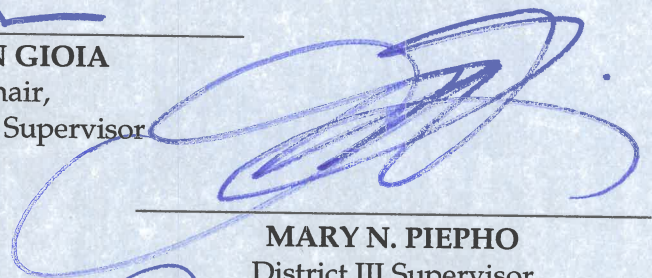
Chair,  
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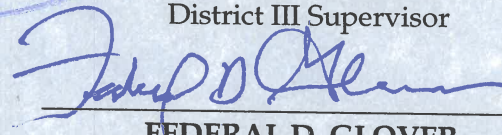
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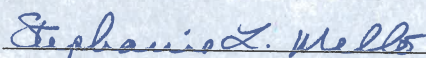
FEDERAL D. GLOVER  
District V Supervisor



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: November 17, 2015

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

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