

# Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**IN THE MATTER OF HONORING AND SUPPORTING THE  
EAST BAY STAND DOWN 2016**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016/512**

**WHEREAS**, the national Coalition for Homeless Veterans and the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimate that one-third of the homeless in our country are U.S. Military Veterans, and there are an estimated 6,000 homeless Veterans in the nine San Francisco Bay Area Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the problems of these displaced Veterans are very difficult to address through common access points and existing service delivery systems; and

**WHEREAS**, more that 15% of the population over the age of eighteen in Contra Costa and other counties in the Greater Bay Area are Veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 1,500 volunteers have come together to establish East Bay Stand Down to help the less fortunate Veterans and their families who have found themselves in need; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception in 1999 East Bay Stand Down has directly assisted over 3,500 Veterans by providing housing, employment, health, dental and legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, from September 15 through September 18, 2016 the biennial East Bay Stand Down will be held under the leadership of the local Veteran's organizations, including the American Legion, AMVETS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Veterans Remembrance Committee, the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley, Blue Star Moms and the Warrior Watch Riders, Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary; and

**WHEREAS**, community support is provided by the Rotary, the Lions, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and the Benevolent Order of Elks, Chevron, AT&T, Northrop Grumman; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Reserve Affairs, supports the operation of the East Bay Stand Down event by authorizing and funding troop liaison from the Wisconsin National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, Contra Costa County provides support through the offices of the County of Contra Costa Superior Court, District Attorneys and Public Defender; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of the Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office along with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Northern California Health Care System and Palo Alto Health Care System, the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs Concord Vet Center, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Oakland Regional Office, National Cemetery Administration join together to better the lives of our Veterans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize the services of

## East Bay Stand Down

and the organizations and individuals in our community for their dedication and service to those who have given so much to our country.

**PASSED** by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

  
**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

Chair,  
District II Supervisor

  
**JOHN GIOIA**

District I 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: August 16, 2016

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy