

# Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2016 AS  
SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH, IN  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016/532**

**WHEREAS**, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors recognizes September, 2016 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, shedding light on those suffering with a mental illness, or other behavioral health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is a human tragedy that transcends socioeconomic status, age, gender and ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the third leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 and 24 and takes the lives of nearly 30,000 Americans every year; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide has an everlasting impact on the survivors who are left to process the loss of their loved ones and who are at an increased risk of suicide themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is preventable through increased knowledge about warning signs, timely intervention, and by limited access to lethal means for those at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, Contra Costa County calls to action the Health Services Department, Public Officials, Private Health Providers and Hospitals, Community-Based Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations, and individuals within our communities to educate and take action to address this devastating public health issue; and

**WHEREAS**, in September, 2013, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors adopted a Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan providing a road map for communities to reduce suicide through education, increasing awareness of knowing the warning signs, and implementing trainings to equip people with tools needed to help others who consider suicide.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize September, 2016 as

*Suicide Prevention Awareness Month*

in Contra Costa County and encourages citizens to join in this important observance.

**PASSED** by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

  
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Chair,  
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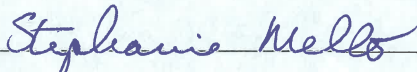
District V Supervisor



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: September 13, 2016

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

By , Deputy