## Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

## IN THE MATTER OF COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016/597** 

WHEREAS, on October 16, 1916, Margaret Sanger, her sister Ethel Byrne, and their activist friend Fania Mindell opened the first birth control clinic in the United States in Brooklyn, New York, founded on the idea that women should have the information and care they need to live strong, healthy lives and fulfill their dreams; and

WHEREAS, leading up to 1916, the two most common causes of death for women of childbearing age in the United States were tuberculosis and complications from pregnancy and childbirth; and

WHEREAS, over the past 100 years, gains in access to birth control, safe and legal abortion, and other reproductive health services have improved and transformed the lives of women, men, and young people in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, from the single Brooklyn clinic in 1916, Planned Parenthood has grown to approximately 650 Health Centers across the United States, with partners in a dozen countries in Africa and Latin America, and today Planned Parenthood proudly provides high-quality, affordable health care, with 90 percent of services provided being preventive health care for adults and young people; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of sex education in the United States; an estimated 1 in 5 women in the United States have been to a Planned Parenthood Health Center for care at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood Northern California provided reproductive health care services to more than 100,000 clients, most of whom have no access to any other medical provider, over the course of 200,000 health care visits at 23 locations across Northern California from 2015 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood Northern California began offering high-quality health services in Contra Costa County in the 1960's with just one health center in Walnut Creek, and today operates eight health centers in Contra Costa County, some of them providing prenatal services and primary limited care, serving over 41,100 unduplicated clients each year, providing 58,791 tests and treatments for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, to Contra Costa County residents from 2015 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood Northern California's education and outreach programs deliver accurate information, and sexuality and family planning education to 3,400 students and community members in Contra Costa County through educational workshops and community outreach activities each year; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood's commitment to offer care and resources has grown over the past century and is stronger than ever.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby support the wide-ranging preventive services that

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doctors, nurses, and staff provide every day to people across the United States and in Contra Costa County; and recognize that Planned Parenthood is a safety-net provider that reaches medically underserved people who are critically in need of compassionate care society.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

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Chair,

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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 25, 2016

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy

