The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing and honoring James Rivers for his service to Contra Costa County and for being awarded the Jefferson Award for Public Service

Resolution No. 2017/14

WHEREAS, James Rivers has served the youth of Contra Costa County for nearly 20 years as a Probation Counselor, a Deputy Probation Officer, an Institutional Supervisor I, an Institutional Supervisor II, and now, Probation Manager; and

WHEREAS, James Rivers was recently chosen to receive the KPIX, Channel 5, Jefferson Award for Public Service; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Award selection committee's guiding principles are: impact, inspiration, sustainability, innovation, and need; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, James took on the epically large task of leading the design and implementation of a behavior management system that incorporates a strengths-based approach and evidence-based practices; and

WHEREAS, the design process meant constant tinkering based on interactions with probation unit staff and senior leadership as well as consultants and leaders in academia such as Edward LaTessa, Ph.D. (University of Cincinnati) and Barry Krisberg, Ph.D. (University of California, Berkeley); and

WHEREAS, James Rivers has played an instrumental role in ushering in an era of rehabilitation-focused juvenile justice reform in Contra Costa County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize and honor James Rivers for being awarded the Jefferson Award for Public Service.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 17th day of January, 2017.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

Chair

District V Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV 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: January 17, 2017

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

By Stephanie Wello, Deputy