

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of proclaiming the Month of April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Contra Costa County

Resolution No. 2017/130

WHEREAS, in California there were 12,793 forcible rapes in 2015 and 240 forcible rapes reported in Contra Costa County in the same year; with an increasing number affecting adolescents; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects every person of Contra Costa County as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Contra Costa County are working to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors; and dedicated volunteers help staff 24-hour crisis hotlines, respond to emergency calls and offer support, comfort and advocacy during forensic exams, criminal proceedings, and throughout the healing process; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of Community Violence Solutions and its Rape Crisis Center, Children's Interview Center, Prevention Department and Anti-Trafficking Project programs in Contra Costa County are promoting education by offering training in schools, churches, and civic organizations, as well as medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding sexual assault issues; and

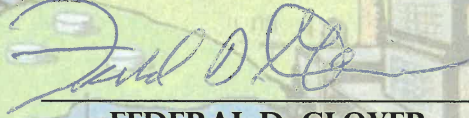
WHEREAS, it is vitally important that continued educational efforts to provide information about prevention and services for sexual assault be supported and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to intensify public awareness of sexual assault, to educate people about the need for citizen involvement in efforts to reduce sexual violence, to increase support for agencies providing sexual assault services, and to increase awareness of the healing power of creative expression; and

WHEREAS, Community Violence Solutions requests public support and assistance as it continues to work toward a society where all women, children, and men can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of California, the Board does hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Contra Costa County.

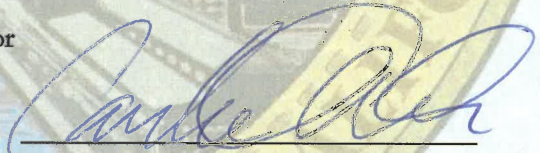
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 18th day of April, 2017.



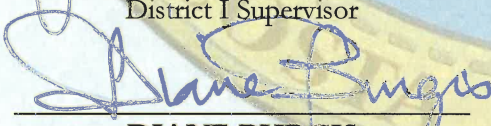
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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: April 18, 2017

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy