

*The Board of Supervisors of  
Contra Costa County, California*

**In the matter of honoring Assistance League of Diablo Valley on  
their 50th Anniversary**

**Resolution No. 2017/132**

WHEREAS, Assistance League of Diablo Valley was chartered as a chapter of National Assistance League ® on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1967, in Walnut Creek, California, and has been benefiting adults and children in need and at risk since that date; and

WHEREAS, since 1971, the League has, through its philanthropic TeleCare program, provided a daily reassurance call for a total of over 260,000 phone calls to housebound adults who are living alone; and

WHEREAS, since 1985, the League has presented the international award-winning educational puppet program, The Kids on the Block, to over 102,000 children; and

WHEREAS, since 1993, the League has performed Show on the Road, a musical revue, for over 13,000 residents confined to care centers in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, The League, through Operation School Bell ®, has provided over 50,000 schoolchildren with new clothing, which has been shown to raise their self-esteem and improve school attendance, and has provided over 2,800 Assault Survivor Kits ® of clothing to victims of assault enabling them to leave the hospital dressed more suitably than in a hospital gown, and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the League has provided 9,600 Baby Bags as a gift of support to first-time mothers in Contra Costa County whose infants are identified as being at high risk for developmental problems, and provided over \$1,000,000 in scholarship funding to aid deserving high school and community college students in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, the League has screened over 21,000 preschoolers for amblyopia and hearing loss in Contra Costa County through Foresight program; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, the League has read monthly in the classroom to 12,800 elementary schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, the League has supported a variety of short-term needs providing food and clothing through Community Outreach to 3,600 residents in need in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, the League has provided over 140 foster youth students the funds to defray approved senior year expenses so that we may recognize/reward foster youth who are high school seniors on target to graduate either with a diploma or certificate of completion, provided over 1,400 backpacks containing clothing and supplies for infants and children who have been removed from their current living situation, and provided over 1,400 food boxes with groceries for CalWorks families whose food is depleted and need additional grocery items to get them through the month, and

WHEREAS, since 2014, the League has worked with over 180 students to encourage the love of art and the joy of creating in young students; and

WHEREAS, since 2015, the League has listened for over 2,600 hours to teacher-selected 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students as an aid to improving reading skills so that they may become more proficient readers; and

WHEREAS, since 1977, teenage members of Assisteens ® Auxiliary of Assistance League of Diablo Valley, have performed community service projects and learned the value of giving to others; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, Buena Vista Auxiliary of Assistance League of Diablo Valley has served over 4,700 children with 68,900 hours of tutoring and donated 13,200 books to participants in Contra Costa County through its Buena Vista Tutorial Program; and

WHEREAS, since 1978, the League's Way Side Inn Thrift Shop has raised over \$6,000,000 to return to the community through the organization's philanthropic programs; and

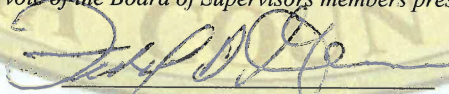
WHEREAS, the League's membership has grown from 60 members in 1967 to over 500 members in 2017, becoming the second largest chapter in the national organization; and

WHEREAS, since 1967, the League has raised over \$14,000,000 to return to the community through its philanthropic programs; and

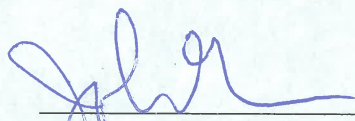
WHEREAS, Assistance League of Diablo Valley is marking its 50th anniversary as a nonprofit member volunteer organization dedicated to improving lives in our community through hands-on programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby commend Assistance League of Diablo Valley for its 50 years of service to our county.

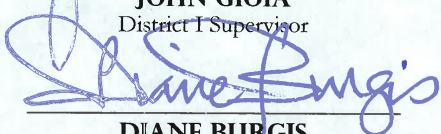
*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.*



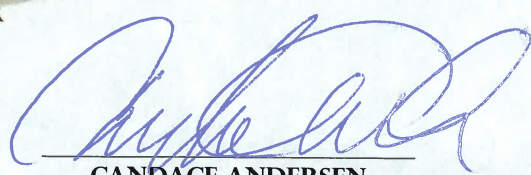
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District V Supervisor



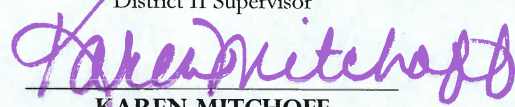
**JOHN GIOIA**  
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District IV Supervisor



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: April 18, 2017

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy