The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

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In the matter of proclaiming October 22-28, 2017 as "Lead Poisoning Prevention Week"

Resolution No. 2017/362

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognizes the importance of healthy homes and a safe environment for all of our children and families; and

WHEREAS, an important part of ensuring a safe environment is preventing Contra Costa children from being poisoned by lead in their homes and community; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning tends to have few or no early visible symptoms and often goes undetected; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning can have lifelong effects, especially for children, ranging from cognitive and behavioral problems to delayed growth and learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa children may be exposed to lead from deteriorated lead-based paint and contaminated soil, and from other sources, such as lead brought home from the workplace, cultural sources, various consumer products, and historic environmental contamination; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has recognized that children are harmed by even low levels of lead and enabled the Contra Costa Lead Poisoning Prevention Project to offer services to these children; and

WHEREAS, to keep our children safe and healthy, all children under the age of six should be assessed for lead exposure, at-risk children should receive blood tests for lead, and lead hazards must be identified and removed from a child's environment; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning is preventable through greater awareness and elimination of the many sources of lead; using lead-safe work practices when disturbing lead-based paint, and ensuring that children have a healthy diet and access to health care; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County's Lead Poisoning Prevention Project (LPPP) has been working effectively since 1993 to reduce the number of lead poisoned children in Contra Costa through outreach and education, case management, and early intervention services; and

WHEREAS, some of the nearly 10,000 Contra Costa children screened each year are still exposed to the dangers of lead.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim October 22 - 28, 2017 as "Lead Poisoning Prevention Week" in Contra Costa County, to increase awareness and prevention of lead poisoning and to advance the elimination of lead from our homes, consumer products, and the environment.

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

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair,
District V Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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District III Supervisor

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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: October 17, 2017

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy