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

In the matter of proclaiming April 8-14, 2018 as National Victims' Rights Week

Resolution No. 2018/133

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of 20 million crimes each year, affecting individuals and communities; WHEREAS, years of investment in crime victims' rights and services have developed a system of victim response that can help victims recover from crime;

WHEREAS, reaching and serving all victims of crime is essential to supporting thriving communities, because those who receive holistic services and support are more likely to remain invested in their communities;

WHEREAS, dedicated victim service providers are working every day to meet the needs of crime victims, yet there are still too many victims without meaningful access to rights and services;

WHEREAS, many victims face barriers-such as isolation, distrust of authorities, language limitations, lack of transportation, or cultural barriers-that keep them from accessing the services and criminal justices systems that help them recover;

WHEREAS, we must make a dedicated effort to expand the circle of those prepared to respond to victims and link them to the resources that can help them recover;

WHEREAS, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators, and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice;

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime-especially those who are challenging to reach or serve-are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response; and

WHEREAS, The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of April 8-14,2018 as Crime Victims' Rights Week and reaffirm their commitment to creating a victim service ad criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice and peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 10th day April of 2018.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair,

District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

ABSENT

**DIANE BURGIS** 

District III Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V 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: , 2018

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

By Alla Blyanene Deputy



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

In the matter of declaring April 2018 as Alcohol Awareness Month

Resolution No. 2018/143

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, excessive drinking is responsible for more than 4,300 deaths among underage youth each year, and cost the U.S. \$24 billion in 2010; and WHEREAS, people aged 12 to 20 years old drink 11% of all alcohol consumed in the United States and more than 90% of it is in the form of binge drinking; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, in Contra Costa County, in 2015, there were 345 non-fatal emergency department visits by youth under the age of 20, with their reason for the visit classified as "alcohol only"; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the number one drug of choice amongst America's youth. In 2014-2016 California Healthy Kids Survey, the results show that approximately 8% of 7th grade students in California reported using Alcohol in the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, it takes both a school-based and community-based prevention approach to effectively educate youth on the dangers of underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, the Monument Corridor Anti-Drug and Alcohol Coalition is an Evidence Based Prevention Program, whose mission it is to identify health disparities in the community that affect youth and introduce policy to reduce or eradicate alcohol usage among youth in the city of Concord; and

WHEREAS, during the 2016-2017 school year, Monument Corridor Anti-Drug and Alcohol staff and coalition volunteers were able to conduct 45 assessments of liquor merchants, facilitate a Responsible Beverage Training Class for local alcohol merchants, work with local High School youth to design and present anti-alcohol and alcopops presentations to middle school youth and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Over the last four years, Contra Costa County Alcohol and Other Drugs Services has strengthened their collaboration with the Contra Costa County Office of Education, Community Based Providers and the Contra Costa County Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board. They have worked collectively with students, parents and educators to educate Contra Costa youth on the harmful effects of youth alcohol use and changing the community norms in regards to underage drinking.

NOW, THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors declares April 2018 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Contra Costa County. Be it further resolved, that the Board of Supervisors call upon all citizens, parents, youth, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and workplaces, hospitals, and schools in Contra Costa County to support efforts that will reduce and prevent underage drinking in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby

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