

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing the 150th Alameda - Contra Costa
Medical Association Annual Meeting

Resolution No. 2018/546

WHEREAS, the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association (ACCMA) is a professional association of physicians who are committed to addressing health issues of concern to patients and doctors in the East Bay; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history the ACCMA has sought to improve public health, the quality of the practice of medicine and patients' access to care; and

WHEREAS, in 1895, Sarah I. Shuey, M.D. served as the first woman president of the ACCMA and was the first president of any medical society in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1936, striving to make medical care more affordable, the ACCMA and local hospitals formed the first medical-society created non-profit insurance company, that later became Blue Cross of California; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, recognizing the vital need to maintain an adequate supply of blood and blood products in the East Bay, the Blood Bank of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association was established; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, the ACCMA guaranteed medical care for all East Bay residents with the creation of three programs, all nationwide firsts; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the ACCMA formed the first Physician Well-Being Committee in the country to confidentially assist physicians impaired by alcoholism or other dependencies or problems; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, drawing on its extensive experience from the group professional liability program started in 1947, the ACCMA responded to the "malpractice crisis" by establishing the first doctor-owned professional liability insurance company in California: Medical Insurance Exchange of California (MIEC). MIEC is considered one of the most stable and best run doctor-owned companies in the country; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the ACCMA created the Credentials Verification Service (CVS) to relieve physicians and medical organizations from the onerous burdens of the credentials verification process. The goal was to centralize the process by creating one source for reliable and affordable credentials verification; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Formed the Alameda-Contra Costa POLST Coalition, a coalition of community advocates for advance care planning and adoption of Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) to ensure that patients' end-of-life care wishes are honored; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the ACCMA sponsored the formation of the East Bay Conversation Project, a broad coalition of community organizations promoting discussions and understanding of advance end of life care planning; and

WHEREAS, ACCMA has formed the Community Health Foundation, a 501c3 subsidiary charitable organization to facilitate ACCMA's involvement in community programs, including medical student scholarships, programs that promote and facilitate advanced care planning, and public health-related programs such as the Frank E. Staggers Sr., MD, Hypertension Project; and

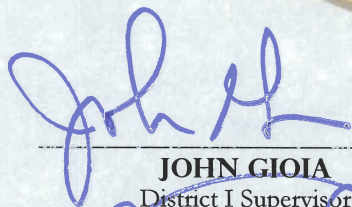
WHEREAS, in 2015, the ACCMA helped to launch the East Bay Safe Prescribing Coalition, which is a collaborative effort of the local medical community to promote the provision of appropriate pain management and reduce opioid misuse in the East Bay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association on their 150th annual meeting for its dedication to not only providing for the health in our community but ensuring the health and well-being of our medical community.


PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 23rd day of October, 2018.



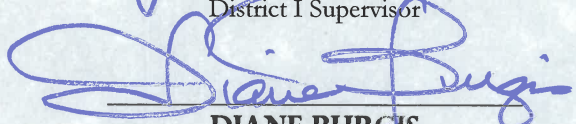
KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair,
District IV Supervisor



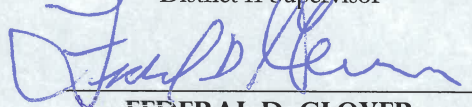
JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor



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District II Supervisor



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District III 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: October 23, 2018

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy

