

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of in support of declaring "United
Against Hate Week" in Contra Costa County

Resolution No. 2018/559

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants, whose strength comes from our diversity; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution enshrines equality on all individuals, regardless of race, gender, orientation, religion, ancestry, or political views; and

WHEREAS, recent federal policies and rhetoric have generated a toxic environment that encourages the propagation of racist, xenophobic, sexist, homophobic, Islamophobic, anti-Semitic and other bigoted views by emboldened hate groups and individuals; and

WHEREAS, deep divisions within our country allow for the festering of extreme ideology, further strengthening a cycle of mistrust and suspicion fueled by fear, anxiety, and insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the number of hate crimes across the United States has increased dramatically over the past couple of years; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, white nationalist groups held violent rallies in cities across the country, including in the East Bay Area, instilling fear across our many diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County is deeply committed to inclusivity and equity; and

WHEREAS, The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors has previously declared Contra Costa County a "Welcoming County", recognizing that a community is strongest when everyone feels welcomed, and brings immigrants, refugees, and the broader community together to develop inclusive policies, programs, and initiatives that build welcoming and loving communities; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County Stands United Against Hate and desires to state our shared values and reiterate our commitment to inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, education, compassion, and cooperation are key to understanding and embracing differences between people; and

WHEREAS, sponsoring a "United Against Hate Week" is an important step in bridging divisions and healing communities; and

WHEREAS, the board supports activities including a film screening of "Embracing The Dream: Celebrating Martin Luther King's Legacy in America Today" on November 13, 2018 7pm at the California Theatre in Pittsburg, CA and the One Human Family Interfaith vigil and service on November 11, 2018 5pm in Richmond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby declare the week of November 11, 2018 through November 17, 2018 as "United Against Hate Week" in Contra Costa County.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 6th day of November, 2018.

KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair,
District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS
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: November 6, 2018

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy