

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

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In the matter of recognizing "Child Abuse Prevention Month"

Resolution No. 2019/108

WHEREAS, as a community, we have a responsibility to nurture and protect our children and help ensure they become healthy and productive adults; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect affect children of all ages, races, and income, and is 100 percent preventable; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County, the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) and Child Protective Services, a program of Children and Family Services within the Employment and Human Services Department, collaborate to protect children through preventive services, response, intervention, and investigation; and

WHEREAS, using the Strengthening Families Framework, Five Protective Factors, and other prevention programs and resources, Contra Costa's CAPC educates and supports parents, children and our community members in order to break the cycle of and stop child abuse; and

WHEREAS, CAPC, along with our prevention partners, is keeping kids safe and leading the County's efforts to protect children and strengthen families through work designed to educate, protect and prevent; and

WHEREAS, despite outreach and community efforts, the rising number of reported child abuse cases remains a great concern, and highlights the need for increased protection and improved services for abused and neglected children; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Children and Family Services in Contra Costa County assessed and investigated more than 7,700 referrals of children potentially in danger; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, there were 786 substantiated instances of child maltreatment in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, most experts believe the number of incidents of abuse are far greater than what is reported; and

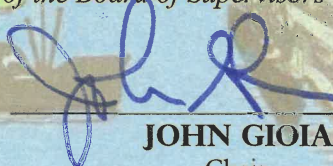
WHEREAS, early intervention is critical for preventing abuse and can positively impact at-risk families, protecting children; and

WHEREAS, all members of the community have a role to play in strengthening families by offering parents the education, support, and skills needed to provide healthy, safe and nurturing homes for their children; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County there are numerous committed agencies, parents, relatives, community volunteers, public policymakers and professionals who collaborate to eliminate child abuse and give our children hope, security and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim April, 2019, to be "Child Abuse Prevention Month", and recognize the Child Abuse Prevention Council and Children and Family Services of the Employment and Human Services Department for their efforts and dedication to preventing child abuse in Contra Costa County.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 9th day of April, 2019.



JOHN GIOIA
Chair,
District I Supervisor



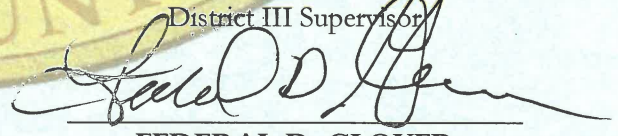
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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: April 9, 2019

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy