

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

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In the matter of proclaiming November
"Homelessness Awareness Month"

Resolution No. 2019/624

WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as "Homelessness Awareness Month" in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public and advocate with and on behalf of people experiencing homelessness about the many reasons people are homeless, including the shortage of affordable housing in Contra Costa County; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are over twenty organizations in Contra Costa committed to sheltering, providing supportive services, and/or basic resources to people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognizes that homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, 6,924 individuals accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in 2018; and

WHEREAS, 600 families, including 1,103 minors, accessed homeless services in Contra Costa in 2018; and

WHEREAS, 36% of homeless veterans in Contra Costa (178 out of 496 homeless veterans) have been homeless for 12 months or more; and

WHEREAS, 659 seniors over the age of 62 accessed homeless services in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa has only 28% of shelter capacity needed for single adults; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa, renters need to earn nearly 3 times the local minimum wage to afford the median monthly asking rent of \$2,286; and

WHEREAS, a report by California Housing Partnership in 2019 found that Contra Costa County needs over 30,000 more affordable rental homes to meet the needs of its lowest income renters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim November "Homelessness Awareness Month".

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 5th day of November, 2019.



JOHN GIOIA
Chair,
District I Supervisor



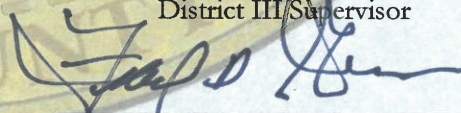
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District III Supervisor



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District IV Supervisor



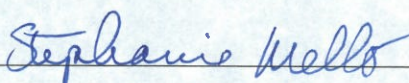
FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V Supervisor



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 5, 2019

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

By , Deputy