

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing April as Alcohol Awareness Month.

Resolution No. 2022/150

**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**, Alcohol Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase outreach and education regarding the dangers of alcoholism and issues related to alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, to protect the health and safety of California residents, a shelter-in-place order was issued at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals and families experienced isolation and increased stress, along with fear and anxiety. Concurrently, many states, including California, relaxed alcohol related laws to provide economic support to bars and restaurants leading to a substantial increase of alcohol sales purchased off premises -- increasing the use of alcohol and other drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), reported that by the end of 2020, 25.9 million past year users of alcohol and 10.9 million past year users of drugs, other than alcohol, perceived that they were using these substances "a little more or much more" than they did before the COVID-19 pandemic began; and

**WHEREAS**, people aged 12 to 20 years of age drink 11% of all alcohol consumed in the United States and more than 90% of this alcohol is consumed in the form of binge drinking; and

**WHEREAS**, research indicates that alcohol use, during the teenage years, could interfere with normal adolescent brain development and increase the risk of developing Alcohol Use Disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, youth who drink alcohol are more likely to experience changes in brain progression that may have life-long effects including, physical and sexual violence, school and social problems, increased risk of suicide and homicide, and alcohol related vehicle crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that parents are the number one reason why youth choose not to drink, and a supportive family environment is associated with lower rates of alcohol use, among adolescents; and

**WHEREAS**, statewide prevention, treatment and recovery efforts surrounding alcohol and substance use can help individuals, families and children coping with alcoholism and alcohol-related problems; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby declare April 2022 as Alcohol Awareness Month, in Contra Costa County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors calls upon all citizens, parents, youth, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and workplaces, hospitals and schools, within the County, to support efforts that will provide Hope, Help and Healing for those families, in our communities, who are facing challenges with alcohol use and abuse.

*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.*

**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
Chair,  
District IV Supervisor

**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor

**DIANE BURGIS**  
District III Supervisor

**CANDACE ANDERSEN**  
District II Supervisor

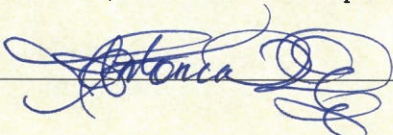
**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
District V Supervisor



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: April 26, 2022

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By , Deputy