

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of Recognizing March 10, 2023 as the 64th Anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising and Affirm Support of the People of Tibet.

Resolution No. 2023/63

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2023, Californians, including Tibetan-Americans, residing in Contra Costa County will commemorate the 64th anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising against the Chinese invasion and occupation of Tibet; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County has a diverse population, including Tibetan-Americans, who are concerned about human rights and freedom in Tibet and throughout the world; Contra Costa County has a long history of support for Tibet and the Tibetan people; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in October 2007 in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and religious understanding; and visited the City of Richmond in February 2014; and

WHEREAS, Tibetan-Americans have expressed concern over the Chinese Government's travel restrictions against Tibetans and U.S. citizens, restrictive regulations on religious affairs in Tibet, censorship of Buddhist literature and information in Tibet, demolition of Tibetan Buddhist sites, and imprisonment of Tibetan prisoners of conscience; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Congress resolved its sense that Tibet is an occupied country under the established principles of international law whose true representatives are the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government in exile as recognized by the Tibetan people; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County supports the Tibetan people's fundamental human rights and freedoms, including their right to self-determination and the protection of their distinct religious, cultural, linguistic, and national identity; and

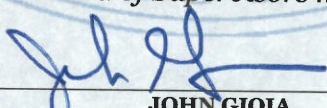
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby officially recognize March 19 as "Tibet Day," in Contra Costa County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Contra Costa County is in solidarity with the Tibetan people and their just, peaceful and non-violent movement to remind the world of the occupation and ongoing suppression of human rights and freedom in Tibet and the continuous degradation of culture, religion, land and identity of the Tibetan people by China; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Contra Costa County supports the bipartisan "Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Conflict Act (S 138 and H.R. 533)" that was introduced in Congress in January 2023, seeking to empower the United States government to achieve its long-standing goal of getting the Dalai Lama's envoys and Chinese authorities to address the unresolved issue of Tibet peacefully through dialogue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, elected federal representatives, the Governor of California, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 7th day of March 2023.



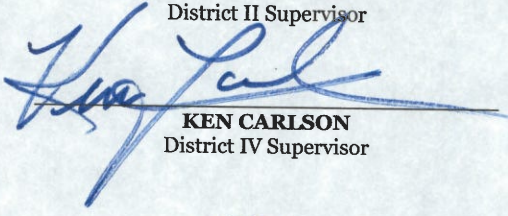
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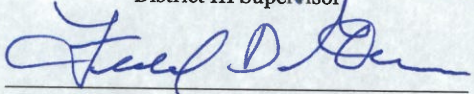
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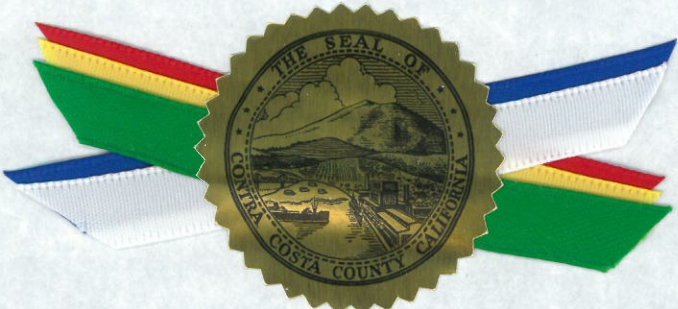
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District III Supervisor



KEN CARLSON
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: March 7, 2023

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

By  , Deputy