

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of proclaiming March 2023 as Social Work Month.

Resolution No. 2023/69

**WHEREAS**, Social Workers have worked for more than a century to improve human well-being and enhance the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Social Work Month theme “Social Work Breaks Barriers” embodies how social workers help empower individuals and families to overcome hurdles, access resources and receive support so they may thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, Contra Costa County had 342 Social Workers who positively touch the lives of residents each day through human services programs, medical clinics and hospitals, and the court system; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the 85 Social Workers of Contra Costa Health Services’ served 10,438 community members through programs such as Black Infant Health, the Ryan White AIDS program, psychiatric emergency services, juvenile probation, school-based clinics, and Healthcare for the Homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the 13 Social Workers and Case Manager of the Public Defender's Office advocated for and connected more than 300 clients through assessment, transportation, holistic intervention partnership, substance abuse treatment coordination, and services to promote health, well-being, and prosocial engagement, while also educating stakeholders and partners in the criminal justice system on the benefits of the holistic defense model; and

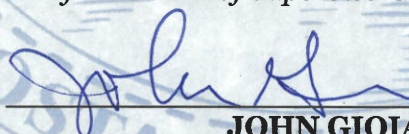
**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the 244 Social Workers of the Employment and Human Services Department protected children and youth from abuse and neglect by receiving and responding to 7,627 Child Protective Services referrals; supported 962 children and youth in foster care and guardianship placements; protected an average of 818 older and disabled adults each month from abuse and neglect; ensured 14,019 In-Home Supportive Services consumers were able to live safely and independently at home; and assisted 2,146 parents to overcome barriers to employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Contra Costa County Social Workers respect the dignity and worth of all people and help advocate for human rights, including for people of all nationalities, genders, ethnicities, cultures, colors, faiths, languages, and preferences; and

**WHEREAS**, Contra Costa County Social Workers collaborate with and appreciate Social Workers serving in schools and a variety of community-based organizations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby, in recognition of the numerous contributions by Contra Costa County’s Social Work, proclaims the month of March 2023 as Social Work Month, in celebration and support of the social work profession.

*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023.*



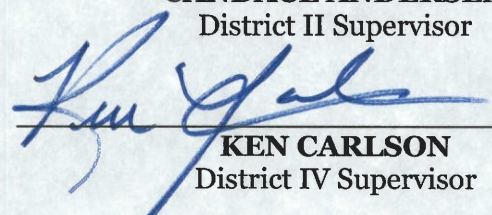
**JOHN GIOIA**  
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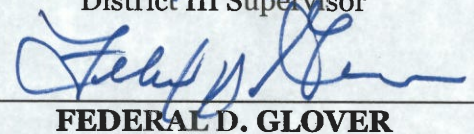
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District V Supervisor



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 21, 2023

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

By  , Deputy