

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Recognizing World Marrow
Donor Day 2025 and Proclaiming September
as Sickle Cell Awareness Month.**

Resolution No. 2025-305

WHEREAS, World Marrow Donor Day (WMDD) is observed annually on the third Saturday in September as a global initiative of the World Marrow Donor Association (WMDA) to honor more than 43 million registered stem cell and cord blood donors worldwide; and

WHEREAS, WMDD is dedicated to thanking the selfless individuals who register and donate stem cells to save lives, and the 2025 theme, "Hope Heroes," recognizes the profound impact of voluntary donors in transforming the lives of patients and families around the globe; and

WHEREAS, marrow and stem cell transplants are often the only life-saving treatment for patients with certain blood cancers, genetic disorders, and life-threatening blood diseases, including sickle cell disease; and

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is the most common inherited blood disorder in the United States, affecting approximately 100,000 Americans and disproportionately impacting African American and Hispanic communities; and

WHEREAS, September has been nationally recognized as Sickle Cell Awareness Month to increase public knowledge, promote early diagnosis, support research, and improve health outcomes for individuals living with this lifelong condition; and

WHEREAS, individuals with sickle cell disease may depend on bone marrow or stem cell transplants for the possibility of a cure, yet racial and ethnic minorities remain significantly underrepresented on national and international donor registries; and

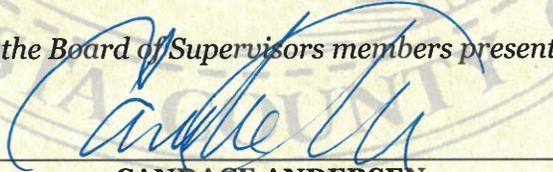
WHEREAS, Contra Costa Health and the National Donor Marrow Program (NDMP, formerly Be The Match) have come together in partnership to advocate, educate, and recruit future marrow and stem cell donors throughout Contra Costa County, expanding awareness and improving equity in access to life-saving treatments; and

WHEREAS, expanded public education, greater donor registration, and continued community outreach are critical to saving lives, addressing disparities, and bringing hope to patients and families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and recognize September 2025 as SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH in Contra Costa County, urging all residents to learn more about this disease, support affected individuals and families, and promote equitable access to care and research; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors joins with communities worldwide in recognizing WORLD MARROW DONOR DAY on Saturday, September 20, 2025, honoring marrow and stem cell donors for their life-saving contributions, and encouraging all eligible residents, particularly those from diverse backgrounds, to register as potential donors.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 16th day of September 2025.

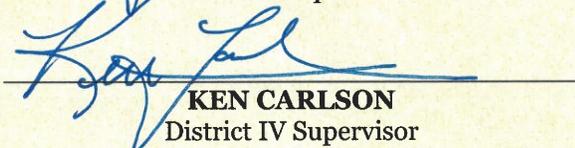


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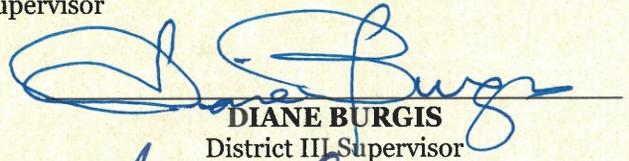
Chair,
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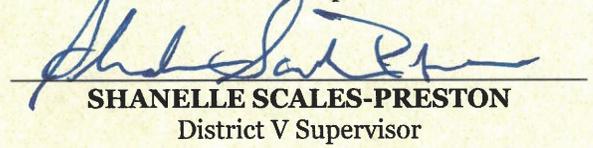
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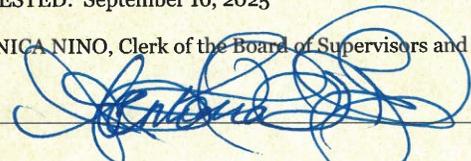
SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON
District V Supervisor



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: September 16, 2025

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

By  , Deputy