

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Proclaiming February 2025
as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and
Prevention Month, in Contra Costa County.**

Resolution No. 2025-41

WHEREAS, teen dating violence is a serious public health issue defined as physical, psychological, or sexual abuse; harassment; or stalking of any person ages 12 to 18 in a past or present romantic or consensual relationship; and

WHEREAS, survivors of teen dating violence have increased risk for truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, having eating disorders, and engaging in other harmful behaviors such as use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, teen dating violence is linked to bullying, sexual harassment, sexual violence, physical violence, and other forms of violence against peers, as high school youth survivors are at higher risk for victimization, during college, and teen perpetrators of dating violence are more likely to abuse their intimate partners as adults; and

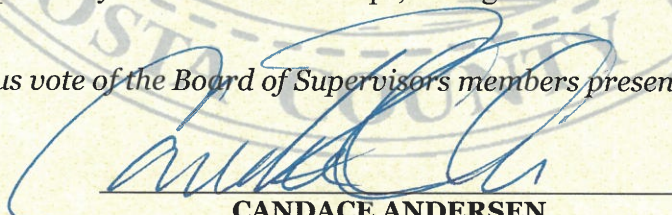
WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse recognizes that teen dating violence is preventable, via efforts that foster caring relationships with adults and peers, and the Alliance supports several prevention programs like STAND! For Families Free of Violence's Youth Education Supportive Services (YESS) that help ensure a safe learning environment for all youth; promote resilience and positive youth development; and protect youth from abuse in relationships; and

WHEREAS, during the 2023-24 school year, STAND!'s YESS program educated 701 middle and high school youth about teen dating violence through classroom presentations; taught an estimated 67 adult allies, including school staff, service providers, and parents, about the scope and causes of dating violence, and healthy dating relationships; held sixteen 10-week long gender-based support groups at five high schools; and conducted outreach to more than 200 youth experiencing or at risk for teen dating violence; and

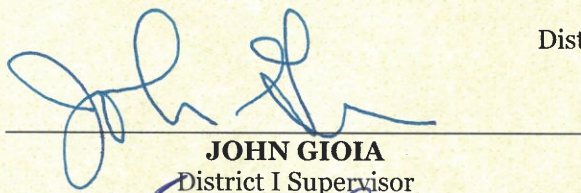
WHEREAS, more than 100 youth and adult allies participated in STAND!'s Youth Against Violence community resource fair in San Pablo on February 17, 2024, in which teen leaders from several high schools highlighted the ways in which abuse can impact all genders and sexual orientations; and

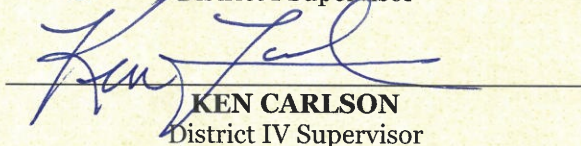
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaims the month of February 2025 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and encourages all to participate in activities that raise awareness about the dynamics of teen dating violence and empower teens to develop healthy and safe relationships, throughout their lives.

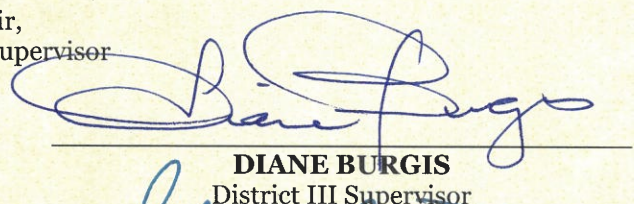
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 25th day of February 2025.

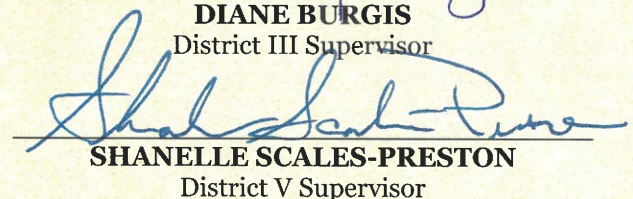

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: February 25, 2025

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

By , Deputy