

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of: Recognizing the week of March 25th to March 31st as Farmworker Awareness Week in Contra Costa County

Resolution No. 2024-98

WHEREAS, farmworkers are important and valued members of communities across the country and are essential workers who provide invaluable and needed goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture estimates that agricultural and food employment accounts for 10 percent of employment in the United States with an estimated 2.5-3 million men, women, and children working in fields across the country and 900,000 workers in California; and

WHEREAS, farm work is often highly skilled, including operating complex machinery, but farmworkers often do not receive the compensation they deserve; more than a third of skilled full-time farmworkers in the United States earn less than \$20,000 a year; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers are at an increased risk of experiencing unsafe working conditions, with the rate of illness and injury among agricultural employees being 37 times higher than that of nonagricultural workers; farmworkers often must wear long sleeves and head protection (or hats) to protect themselves from extreme weather conditions, especially high heat; and

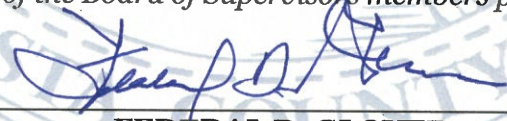
WHEREAS, farmworkers are not afforded many of the labor protections provided to other workers; and natural disasters often prevent farmworkers from receiving income for weeks or months; and

WHEREAS, despite the above challenges, farmworkers have ensured a reliable food supply for the country, including during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, "National Farmworker Awareness Week" recognizes the contributions of, and the unique issues faced by farmworkers who work in fields, packing, sorting, processing, and other related activities; and a week of appreciation will help younger generations learn where their food comes from; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaims the week of March 25th through March 31st, 2024, as "National Farmworker Awareness Week."

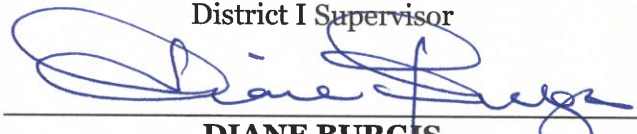
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 26th day of March 2024.



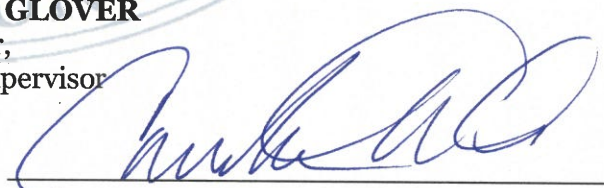
FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair,
District V Supervisor

Absent

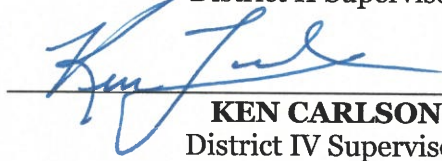
JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor



DIANE BURGIS
District III Supervisor



CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor



KEN CARLSON
District IV 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 26, 2024

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

By  , Deputy