

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Proclaiming March 2026 as
Social Work Month in Contra Costa County.**

Resolution No. 2026-43

WHEREAS, Social Work is a profession truly dedicated to helping people improve their well-being and enhance their basic and complex needs, especially those who are vulnerable, oppressed, or living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Social Work Month theme "Uplift. Defend. Transform." honors the prime mission of the Social Work profession: to enhance human well-being, meet the basic needs of all people, and place special attention on the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, the ability of Contra Costa County Social Workers to uplift, defend, and positively transform the lives of our community members is more important than ever, as our social safety net faces growing strain from federal funding and policy changes, discrimination affecting transgender people and people of color, and increasing mental health and substance use challenges; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Contra Costa County had 1,126 Social Workers who positively touched the lives of residents each day through human services programs, medical clinics and hospitals, and the court system; and in 2025, 768 social workers of Contra Costa Health, serving as mental health clinicians, medical social workers, substance use counselors, housing care managers, outreach workers, health navigators, community health workers, and public health nurses provided vital services and supports to address the physical, behavioral, and social health needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the eight Social Workers, six Case Managers and four MSW/BASW interns of the Public Defender's Office advocated for and connected more than 1,720 clients through assessment, transportation, holistic intervention partnership, substance abuse treatment coordination, mental health diversion, youth defender social work, re-entry support, 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. The Public Defender is also adding social worker support for Care Court case load to be implemented in Contra Costa County in 2026; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the 340 Social Workers of the Employment & Human Services Department protected children and youth from abuse and neglect by receiving and responding to 9,152 Child Protective Services referrals; supported 879 children and youth in foster care and guardianship placements; protected an average of 874 older and disabled adults each month from abuse and neglect; ensured 17,483 In-Home Supportive Services consumers were able to live safely and independently at home; and assisted 3,850 parents to overcome barriers to employment; and Social Workers are on the frontlines in helping our community solve pressing social problems; 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 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 recognize the numerous contributions by Contra Costa County's Social Workers and proclaims the month of **March 2026 as Social Work Month**, in celebration and support of this noble profession.

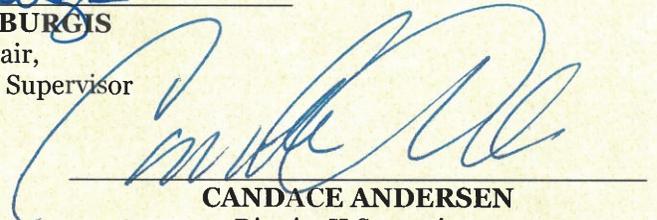
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 3rd day of March 2026.



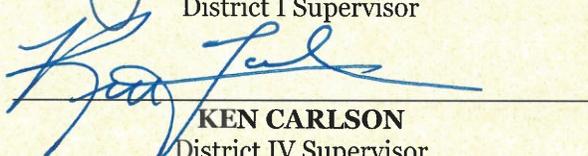
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District III Supervisor



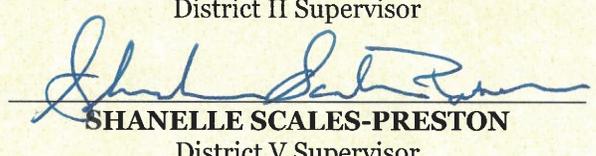
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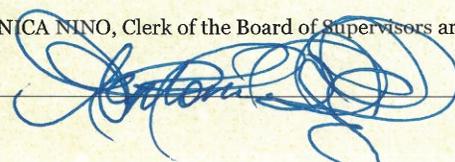
SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON
District V Supervisor



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: March 3, 2026

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

By  , Deputy