

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Proclaiming March 2024 as Social Work Month in Contra Costa County.**

Resolution No. 2024-70

**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 2024 Social Work Month theme, "Empowering Social Workers," embodies the need for our community to support Social Workers so they can continue to do the life-affirming work helping individuals and families overcome hurdles, access resources, and thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, Contra Costa County had 342 Social Workers who positively touched the lives of residents each day, through human services programs, medical clinics and hospitals, and the court system; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, the 105 Social Workers of Contra Costa Health Services served 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 2023, the 12 Social Workers and Case Managers of the Public Defender's Office advocated for and connected more than 600 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; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, the 225 Social Workers of the Employment and Human Services Department protected children and youth from abuse and neglect by receiving and responding to 8,506 Child Protective Services referrals; supported 925 children and youth in foster care and guardianship placements; protected an average of 865 older and disabled adults each month from abuse and neglect; ensured 15,170 In-Home Supportive Services consumers were able to live safely and independently at home; and assisted 2,538 parents to overcome barriers to employment; and

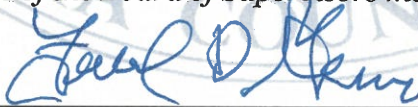
**WHEREAS**, Social Workers are on the frontlines in helping our community solve pressing social problems, including an increased demand for mental health services; an opioid addiction crisis; and economic inequality; and

**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

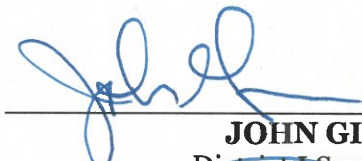
**WHEREAS**, Contra Costa County Social Workers collaborate with and appreciate Social Workers serving in schools and a variety of community-based organizations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize the numerous contributions by Contra Costa County's Social Workers and proclaims the month of March 2024 as Social Work Month, in celebration and support of this noble profession.

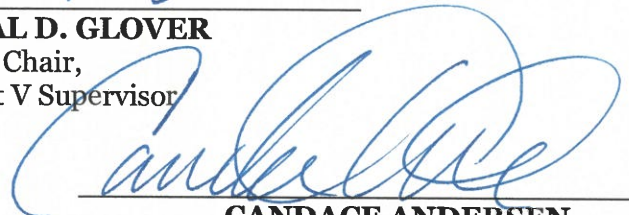
*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.*



**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
Chair,  
District V Supervisor



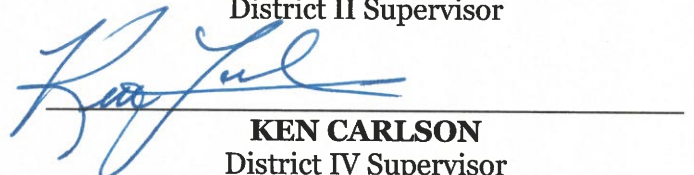
**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor



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District II Supervisor



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District III Supervisor



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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 5, 2024

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

By  Deputy