

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Proclaiming October 2025 as
Head Start Awareness Month in Contra Costa
County on its 60th anniversary.**

Resolution No. 2025-344

WHEREAS, Head Start is rooted in the belief that every child should have the opportunity to succeed in life, and addresses factors inside and outside the classroom that may create barriers; and

WHEREAS, Head Start has operated for 60 years in all 50 states annually reaching more than 750,000 children from birth to age five, including infants, toddlers, and expectant parents whose families face economic and social hardships; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County, the Employment and Human Services Department's Community Services Bureau originally received a Head Start grant in 1965, and opened its first centers in 1966, serving children and families continuously ever since; and

WHEREAS, the Head Start model uses a comprehensive, community-driven approach by focusing on education; medical, dental, vision, nutrition, and additional health services; parent involvement and support; and early intervention; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2024-25, Contra Costa County's Head Start program served 1,706 children and expectant parents through its directly operated and partner early childhood education centers; and

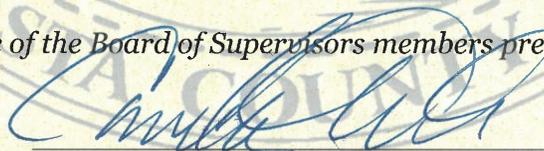
WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2024-25, Contra Costa County's Head Start program supported 796 families of enrolled children through education about preventative medical and oral health, supported 200 families with financial services, educated 169 families about nutrition, and educated 114 families about post-partum care; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2024-25, the pre-kindergarten children enrolled in Contra Costa County's Head Start program exceeded five development goals linked to their kindergarten readiness levels with 95% meeting the physical development and health goal, 92% meeting the social and emotional development goal, 88% meeting the language and literacy development goal, 84% meeting the approaches to learning self-regulation goal, and 84% meeting the cognition including math and science goal; and

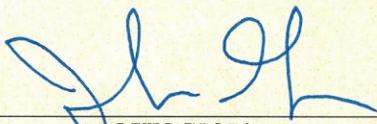
WHEREAS, more than 40 million Americans who have attended Head Start credit the program with setting them on the path to success in their future education and life, exemplifying the transformative power of the Head Start model; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize October 2025 as Head Start Awareness Month in Contra Costa County in recognition of its remarkable contributions to children, families, and communities for 60 years, and its ongoing commitment to brightening the future of our Country.

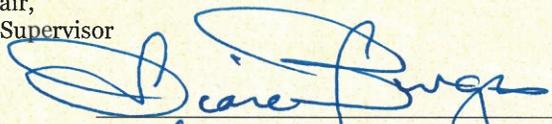
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 21st day of October 2025.



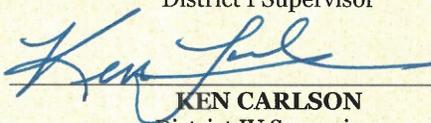
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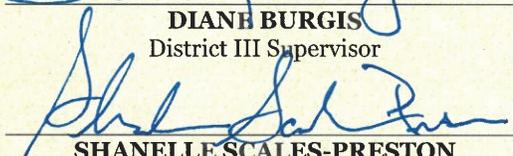
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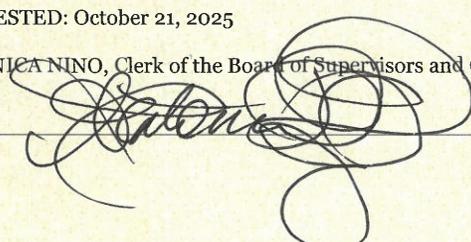


SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON
District V Supervisor

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: October 21, 2025

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

By  , Deputy

