Contra Costa sets June as Gay Pride Month

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Contra Costa supervisors unanimously approved a resolution today recognizing June as gay pride month, a first for the county.

As numerous lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender group representatives watched, supervisor John Gioia of Richmond read the proclamation marking the community's contributions to Contra Costa. The county, according to 2000 Census figures, ranks 10th among the state's 58 counties, with the most same-sex couples.

"Having worked with youth in West Contra Costa County for the past 10 years on social justice issues, this is a pivotal moment in the County's history," said Kimberly Aceves, co-executive director of RYSE, an advocacy group in Richmond.

The resolution follows the supervisors' vote to not join a lawsuit led by San Francisco County to oppose Prop. 8, the banning of same-sex marriages last November. Although county voters rejected Prop. 8, only Gioia voted in closed session.