

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2009/190

Proclaiming May 2009 as Foster Care Month in Contra Costa County

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities in Contra Costa County; and
WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County there are approximately 1300 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family; and
WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and
WHEREAS, foster, kinship and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and
WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and
WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and the foster care “system” is only as good as those who choose to be part of it; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors proclaim May 2009 as Foster Care Month in Contra Costa County and urge all citizens to come forward and do something positive that will help change a lifetime for children and youth in foster care.

SUSAN A. BONILLA

Chair,
District IV Supervisor

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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: May 5, 2009

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy