

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2016/333**

**recognizing May 2016 as National Foster Care Month in Contra Costa County.**

WHEREAS, the family serves 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 1,000 children and youth in foster care, being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of foster, kin and non-kin 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, kin, non-kin, foster 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 and kin families frequently provide permanency for foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster and kin 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, kin and non-kin parents, and the foster care "system" is only as good as those who choose to be part of it.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors proclaim May 2016 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.

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

Chair,  
District II Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**

District I Supervisor

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**MARY N. PIEPHO**

District III Supervisor

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**

District IV Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**

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 10, 2016

David J. Twa,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy