

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2017/400

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, all children deserve a safe, loving and supportive environment and place to call home; and
WHEREAS, Contra Costa County comes together as a community to celebrate our community's adoptive families and raise awareness about the number of children and teens who are still waiting for a permanent home; and
WHEREAS, in 2016, adoption was the permanency plan for 124 children in Contra Costa County, including adoptions by former foster parents, family members, and non-relatives; and
WHEREAS, nearly 2,000 children in the County are receiving adoption assistance and post-adoption support; and
WHEREAS, adoptions are one of the successful outcomes that can play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect; and
WHEREAS, adopted children and teens need extra patience and support to help them overcome previous hardships, obtain stable home environments, or receive placements as part of a sibling group; and
WHEREAS, many of these children have special needs related to physical, mental or emotional disabilities and need the support that adoptive families can provide; and
WHEREAS, there are families able and willing to adopt children who have a range of needs; and
WHEREAS, there are no restrictions on who can adopt based on race, ethnicity, religion, physical ability, income, sexual orientation or expression, gender identity, marital status; and
WHEREAS, adoption of children by family members encourages increased stability, higher levels of permanency, more likelihood of staying connected to siblings, greater preservation of cultural identity, and positive behavioral and mental health outcomes due to placements with relative caregivers; and
WHEREAS, the many children in our local foster care program need and deserve the security and nurturing of permanent families, whether they are related or not; and
WHEREAS, Children & Family Services in Contra Costa County offers concurrent planning, enabling the placement of children in a potential adoptive home while working with the birth family to help overcome challenges and support reunification efforts; and
WHEREAS, adoptive parents and families who have adopted children require and deserve community and public agency support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Supervisors, does hereby proclaim November 2017 as Adoption Awareness Month in Contra Costa County.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair, District V Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
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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: November 7, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy