

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2018/165**

Proclaiming May 2018 as Foster Parent Recognition Month

WHEREAS, the Resource Family serves as a source of compassion, care, and nurturing, and is the very foundation of our communities in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County there are approximately 1,100 children and youth in foster care, being provided with a safe, secure and stable home environment along with the compassion and nurturing of foster, relative and non-relative families; and

WHEREAS, all young people in foster care deserve a meaningful relationship with a caring, responsible, and compassionate adult, who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, relative, non-relative, foster and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts to care for 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, resource families help prepare teenagers for the transition into adult life, and offer critical support during a time when foster youth may experience heightened risk factors such as poverty, homelessness, and sometimes incarceration; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster and relative families frequently provide permanency for foster children, resulting in a greater need for more resource families; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children living in and leaving foster care; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the enduring and valuable contribution of foster, relative and non-relative parents, and that 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 proclaims May 2018 as Foster Parent Recognition Month in Contra Costa County and urges all citizens to come forward to positively impact the lives of children and youth in foster care.

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**

Chair, District IV Supervisor

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District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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**DIANE BURGIS**

District III 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 8, 2018

David J. Twa,

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