

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2021/162

Proclaiming May 2021 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 900 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, foster care is a support system for families in need, not a substitute for parents. Children & Family Services, family support organizations, courts, faith-based communities, related agencies and professionals can help keep families together with the right mix of services and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, foster care assists families working towards safe and successful reunification, and relationships between resource families and parents can help build their protective capacity and strengthen child and family well-being; and

WHEREAS, relative, non-relative, foster and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts in the midst of a global pandemic, to care for children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in keeping our community safe and healthy, while 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 who, during this unprecedented time of COVID-19, heartfully demonstrated support for the entire system of care around foster children, while helping them connect with educational and other services via internet technologies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors proclaims May 2021 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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Chair, District III Supervisor

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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: May 11, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy