

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/168

Proclaiming May 2022 as "Foster Care Month".

WHEREAS, the Foster Care Family, also known as 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 550 children and youth in foster care, whose resource families provide them with safe, secure, and stable home environments 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, in collaboration with 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 to care for children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in keeping children safe and healthy within their community; and
WHEREAS, placing children in relative care is a best practice, one that benefits the child in many ways, such as minimizing trauma since the relatives are familiar to the child, offering home settings for larger sibling groups, and supporting children and families as they heal and reconnect, thereby helping them to reach their full potential; 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 reduced education achievements, 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 continue to wholeheartedly demonstrate support for the entire system of care around foster children, while helping them connect with educational and other services virtually and in person during this unprecedented time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors proclaims May 2022 as Foster Care Month in Contra Costa County and urges all citizens to come forward to positively impact the lives of children and youth in foster care.

KAREN MITCHOFF

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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 10, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy