

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

**In the matter of:
Proclaiming May 2023 as Foster Care Month**

Resolution No. 2023/167

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognizes the importance of ensuring children live in safe, healthy, and loving environments; and

WHEREAS, 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, when some children and teens are unable to safely remain in the home of their families of origin, foster caregivers, also known as Resource Families, serve as a source of compassion, care, and nurturing; 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, 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, Contra Costa County has an ongoing need for Resource Families who can provide safe environments, support reunification efforts, and help strengthen child and family well-being; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County there are 377 children and youth in foster care placement, whose resource families provide them with safe, secure and stable home environments; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the enduring and valuable contribution of foster, relative and non-relative caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors proclaims May 2023 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.

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Chair, District I 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 9, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy