

Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING MAY, 2016 AS
"NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH" IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2016/333**

WHEREAS, the family serves as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, and is the very foundation of our communities in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County there are approximately 1,000 children and youth in foster care, being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of foster, kin and non-kin family; and

WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, kin, non-kin, foster and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts and support 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, dedicated foster and kin families frequently provide permanency for foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster and kin families; and

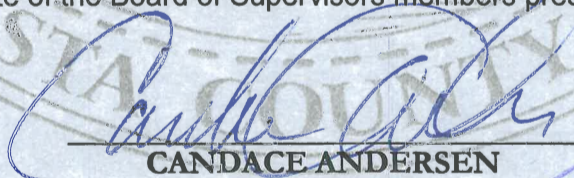
WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, public, and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster, kin and non-kin parents, and the foster care "system" is only as good as those who choose to be part of it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim May, 2016 as

Foster Care Month

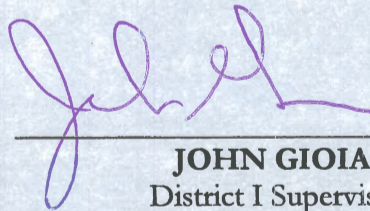
in Contra Costa County and urge all citizens to come forward and do something positive that will help change a lifetime for children and youth in foster care.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 10th day of May, 2016.

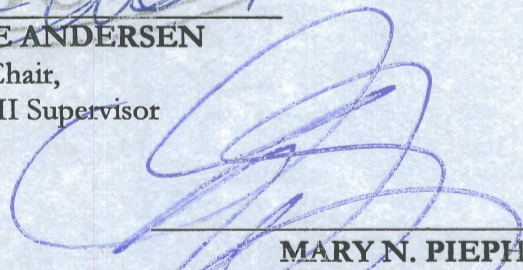


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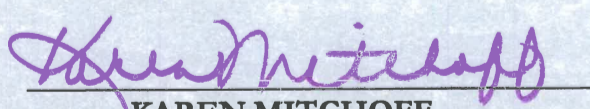
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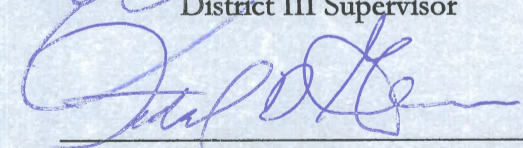
JOHN GIOIA
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District V Supervisor



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 10, 2016

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy