

Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER, 2016 AS
"ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH" IN CONTRA COSTA
COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016/607

WHEREAS, the citizens of Contra Costa County recognize that all children need love, support, security, and a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, close to 70 adoptions have been finalized in Contra Costa County so far in 2016; and

WHEREAS, adoption was the permanency plan for 133 children in 2015 in Contra Costa County, including 73 who were adopted by a former foster parent, 53 who were adopted by family members, and 7 who were adopted by non-relatives; and

WHEREAS, these children need extra patience and support to help them overcome previous hardships, obtain stable home environments, or receive placements as part of a sibling group; and

WHEREAS, many of these children have special needs related to physical, mental or emotional disabilities and need the support that adoptive families can provide; and

WHEREAS, there are families able and willing to adopt children who have a range of needs; and

WHEREAS, adoption of children by family members encourages increased stability, higher levels of permanency, more likelihood of staying connected to siblings, greater preservation of cultural identity, and positive behavioral and mental outcomes due to placements with relative caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the many children in our local foster care program need and deserve the security and nurturing of permanent families, whether they are related or not; and

WHEREAS, Children & Family Services in Contra Costa County offers concurrent planning enabling the placement of children in a potential adoptive home while working with the birth family to help overcome challenges; and

WHEREAS, concurrent caregivers are foster parents and prospective adoptive parents at the same time who provide love and stability to children by reducing the number of placements and providing permanency while assisting in reunification efforts; and

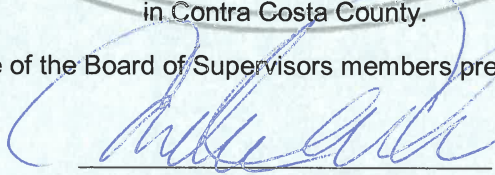
WHEREAS, disability, low income, or unmarried status does not preclude the right to adopt; and

WHEREAS, adoptive parents and families who have adopted children require and deserve community and public agency support.

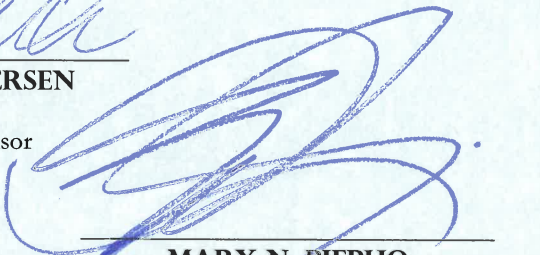
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim November, 2016 as

Adoption Awareness Month in Contra Costa County.

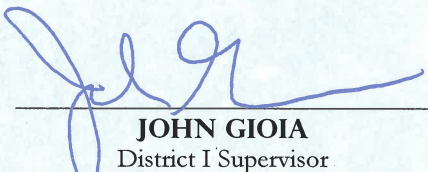
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 1st day of November, 2016.



CANDACE ANDERSEN
Chair,
District II Supervisor



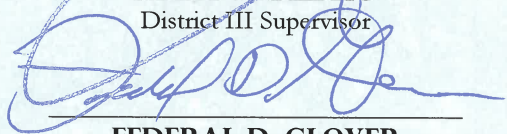
MARY N. PIEPHO
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District V Supervisor



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: November 1, 2016

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

By Stephanie Melto, Deputy