

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of Proclaiming May 2022 as "Foster Care Month."

Resolution No. 2022/168

WHEREAS, the Foster Care Family, also known as the Resource Family, serves as a source of compassion, care and nurturing as it's the very foundation of our communities, within 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 and stable home environments, along with the solicitude and support 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 households working towards safe and successful reunification, as well as relationships between resource families and parents can assist in building 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 out of harm's way and healthy, within their community; and

WHEREAS, placing children in relative care is a best practice -- one that benefits the child in many ways. It minimizes trauma, since the relatives are familiar to the child, offers home settings for larger sibling groups and supports 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 -- 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

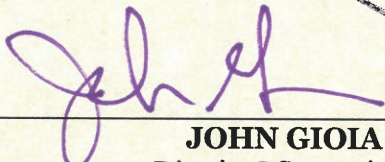
WHEREAS, we recognize the enduring and valuable contribution of foster, relative and non-relative parents who continue to wholeheartedly demonstrate support for the entire system of care, around foster children, while helping them connect with educational and other services -- virtually and in person -- during this unprecedented time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby 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.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 10th day of May 2022.


KAREN MITCHOFF

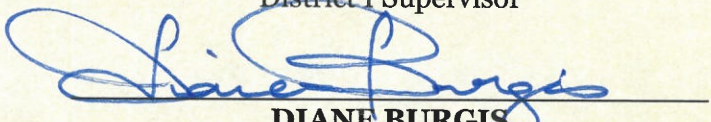
Chair,
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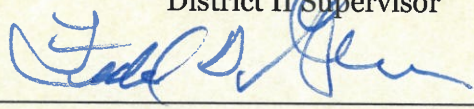
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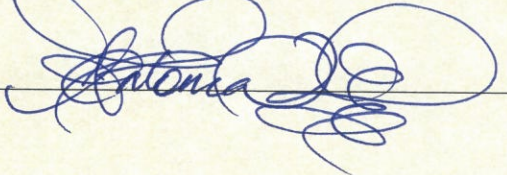
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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: May 10, 2022

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By , Deputy