

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of Proclaiming November 2022 as National Adoption Month.

Resolution No. 2022/385

WHEREAS, all children, infants, toddlers, school-aged and older youth, deserve a safe, loving and supportive environment and a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, reunifying children with their own families is the primary goal when it is safe and in their best interest to do so and, when reunification is not possible, Children and Family Services (CFS) continues to help find homes which can offer children and youth permanent homes, through the adoption process; and

WHEREAS, adoption secures supportive, loving families and home environments for children and teens, and can play a role in preventing recurring child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, there are no restrictions on who can adopt based on race, ethnicity, religion, physical ability, income, sexual orientation or expression, gender identity, marital status; and

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

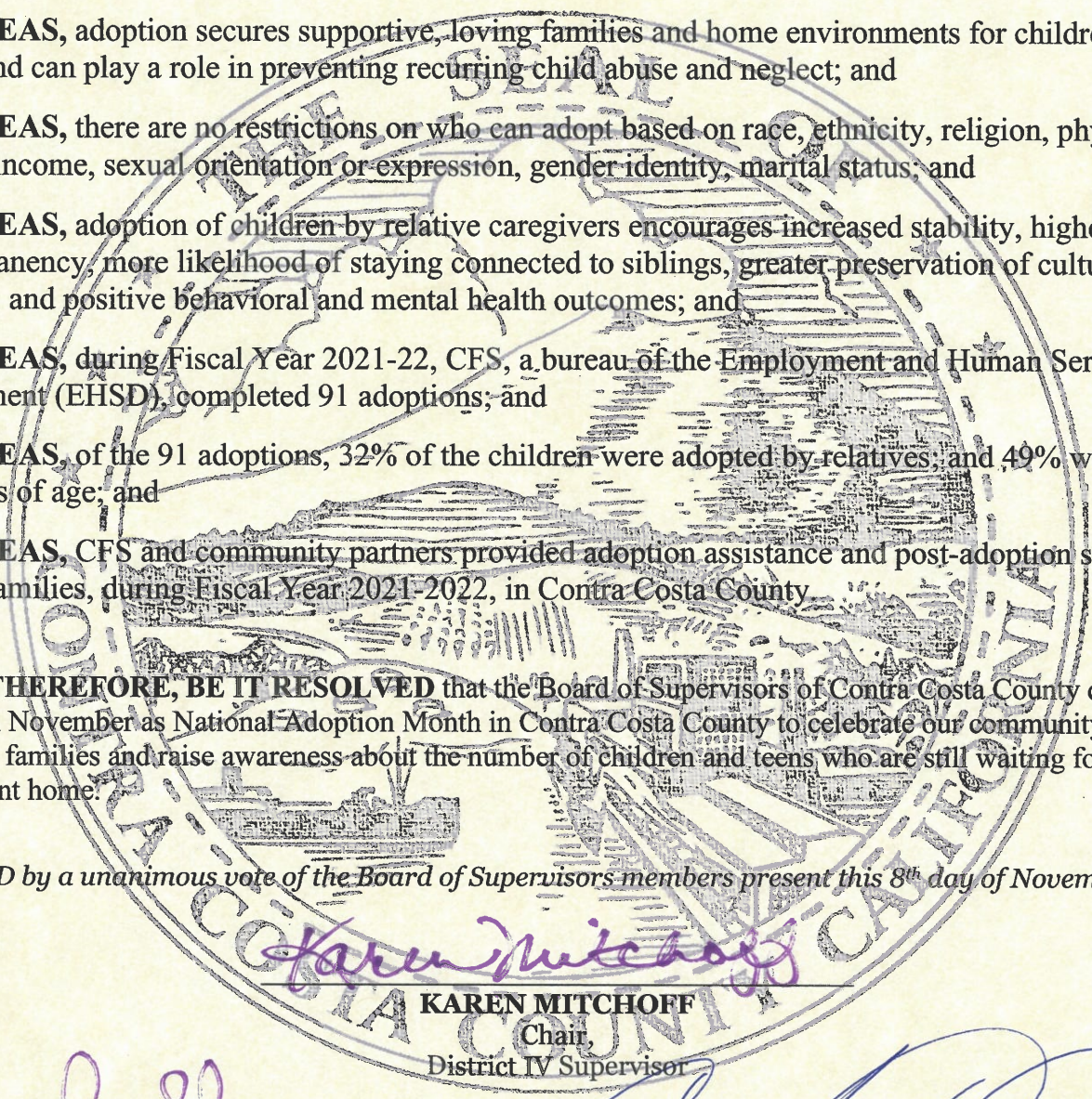
WHEREAS, during Fiscal Year 2021-22, CFS, a bureau of the Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD), completed 91 adoptions; and

WHEREAS, of the 91 adoptions, 32% of the children were adopted by relatives; and 49% were over six years of age; and

WHEREAS, CFS and community partners provided adoption assistance and post-adoption support to 1,796 Families, during Fiscal Year 2021-2022, in Contra Costa County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim November as National Adoption Month in Contra Costa County to celebrate our community's adoptive families and raise awareness about the number of children and teens who are still waiting for a permanent home.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 8th day of November 2022.



Karen Mitchoff

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Chair,
District IV Supervisor

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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 8, 2022

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

By *Monica Nino*, Deputy