

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2011 TO BE NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, every child deserves a home where they are loved and nurtured in a safe environment, and every child deserves to belong to a family; and

WHEREAS, foster, kinship 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;

WHEREAS, Foster Parenting is a critical resource that enables children who are removed from their homes through no fault of their own to live in a nurturing, safe and least restrictive environment that will create a life long connection for each child; and

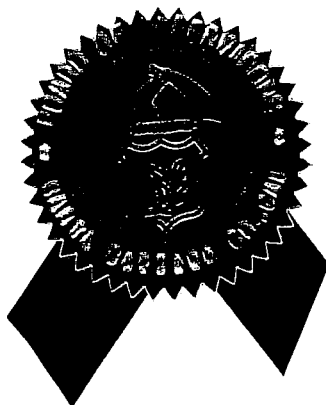
WHEREAS, resources to support Foster Parents and recruit more Foster Homes are diminishing due to the current economic climate and services continue to be significantly under funded to meet present needs; and

WHEREAS, young people in foster care need the guidance, stability and love that are so essential for becoming successful adults from the significant people in their lives while they are in care;

WHEREAS, the ongoing efforts of foster parents, relative caregivers, mentors, advocates, social workers, and volunteers help many children face life's challenges without feeling all alone. Thanks to these heroes, many formerly abused or neglected children and teens will either safely reunite with their parents, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted by families.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara recognizes May 2011 as **NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH**, in recognition of our County's Foster Children and Foster Parents, and all county employees involved in the Juvenile and Dependency System who care for the children and the families that watch over them.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this third day of May, two thousand and eleven, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Walla
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