



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2014 TO BE NATIONAL ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize that it is every child's basic right to belong to a nurturing, loving, permanent family; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, 102 adoptions were finalized in Santa Barbara County and it is anticipated that 100 adoptions will be finalized in 2014 as well. Santa Maria Juvenile Court will celebrate Adoptions Day on November 19<sup>th</sup>, when at least 10 children will be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these successes there is a continuing need for relatives, foster and adoptive parents to step forward and provide homes as there are over 56,000 children in foster care in California, of which 12,000 are waiting to be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating the adoption process encourages dedicated individuals to make a powerful and lasting difference in the lives of children through adoption;

**WHEREAS** those children waiting for adoptive parents, as well as the families who have adopted these children deserve community and public agency support and Adoption and Permanency Month applauds the dedication of relatives, foster families, other adoptive families, social workers, public and private adoption services and community partners who have worked together to ensure a better life for the children of Santa Barbara County.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the month of November 2014 as **NATIONAL ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH** and in doing so to urge all citizens to join in an effort to raise awareness about the importance of Adoption and Permanency to the children in foster care.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors and the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this fourth day of November, two thousand and fourteen, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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Supervisor - 2nd District