



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2019 TO BE NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, on any given day in Santa Barbara County there are approximately 350 children and youth in foster care who need love, support, and guidance so they can thrive and develop to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, our children and youth in foster care are separated from their homes through no fault of their own, and deserve to live in nurturing and safe family environments that provide a sense belonging and compassion that will help these children and youth overcome the effects of trauma and neglect on their growth and future development, and;

WHEREAS, due to families and other heroes in our community working together to ensure our children and youth in foster care receive the care and nurturing they deserve so that they can overcome the effects of abuse and neglect and prepare to reunify with their parents, transition to a permanent plan or self-sufficiency, and;

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals and organizations who work to increase public awareness of the enduring and valuable contributions of foster parents, and recognize that the foster care system is only as good as the people who generously choose to be a part of it; and;

WHEREAS, the ongoing, combined and heroic efforts of resource families, mentors, advocates, social workers, volunteers and other members of the community of Santa Barbara County steadfastly come forward on behalf of the most vulnerable members of our society, so that our children and youth in care are able to face life's challenges without feeling alone or isolated; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of the role of Resource Families in providing loving and safe homes for Our Children and Youth in Foster Care, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara recognizes May 2019 as **NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of May 2019, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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