

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2019 TO BE COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH

*WHEREAS, California has more than 25,000 children and youth currently waiting for a permanent and loving family; and the average child waits for an adoptive family for more than two years, while many spend five years or more waiting for permanent, loving homes, and*

*WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County there are over 375 children and youth in foster care; and there are currently more than 100 children and youth awaiting adoption by a Forever Family that will that meets the child's needs for security, unconditional love, and the opportunity to reach his or her fullest potential, and*

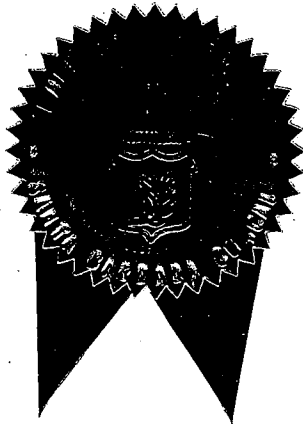
*WHEREAS, it is anticipated that at least 80 adoptions will be finalized this year in Santa Barbara County; and Santa Maria Juvenile Court will celebrate National Adoptions Day on November 19, where 6 children will have their adoption finalized, and*

*WHEREAS, those children waiting for adoptive parents enter the Child Welfare System not of their own choosing but are forced into the system due to unfortunate or tragic circumstances; and their lives are changed by the families who love and adopt these children, and*

*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County depends on the resource families that open their hearts to children, provide permanent loving homes, and a future filled with the joy, wonder and opportunity that a secure and loving Forever Family provides, and*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors recognize the month of November 2019 as **COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH**.

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



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Clerk of the Board

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