

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2011 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 secure, loving, permanent family; and

WHEREAS, in California, more than 18,000 children in foster care are waiting to be adopted; 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;

WHEREAS, in 2010, 84 adoptions were finalized in Santa Barbara County and it is anticipated that at least 90 adoptions will be finalized this year. Santa Maria Juvenile Court will celebrate Adoptions Day on November 30, when at least 15 adoptions will be finalized; and

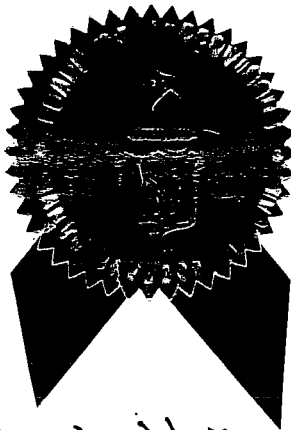
WHEREAS, adoption provides children with security and stability, gives them a brighter future and brings a sense of fulfillment and joy to both the child and the adoptive parents;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Commission on Foster Care, local courts, public agencies and community based organizations along with counterparts throughout the state support programs that promote permanency, resulting in a decrease in the number of children waiting for permanent homes; and

WHEREAS those children waiting for adoptive parents, as well as the families who have adopted these children require and deserve community and public agency support. Adoption and Permanency Month gives our community an opportunity to honor 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 2011 as NATIONAL ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH.

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



ATTEST: Chandra Waller
Clerk of the Board

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