



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2012 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 2011 approximately 107,000 children in foster care nationwide were waiting for adoption;

WHEREAS, in 2010, 4,800 children were adopted from foster care and finalized on Adoption Day;

WHEREAS, in 2011, 105 adoptions were finalized in Santa Barbara County and it is anticipated that at least 95 adoptions will be finalized this year. Santa Maria Juvenile Court will celebrate Adoptions Day on November 28th, when at least 20 adoptions will be finalized; and

WHEREAS, adopted children feel whole as they have stability and permanency and will not have to wonder where "home" is during holidays;

WHEREAS, advocates and organizations both locally and nationally support programs that promote permanency; and

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 2012 as **NATIONAL ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH**.

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



ATTEST:

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