



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2015
TO BE NATIONAL COURT 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 that will guide a child to his or her most fulfilling development;

WHEREAS, in 2014, 101 adoptions were finalized in Santa Barbara County and it is anticipated that at least 80 adoptions will be finalized this year; Santa Maria Juvenile Court will celebrate National Adoptions Day on November 18, where at least 7 adoptions will be finalized;

WHEREAS, California has more than 58,000 children and youth in the foster care system; and the average foster child waits for an adoptive family for more than two years, while many spend five years or more waiting for permanent, loving homes; in Santa Barbara County at any given point in time, there are over 400 children and youth in foster care; there are currently more than 100 children and youth awaiting adoption by a Forever Family;

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

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 caring members of the community, including relatives, foster and adoptive families, members of the Juvenile Court, members of the service and nonprofit community, and the Department of Social Services, who are working 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 2015 as **COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH**.

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



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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