



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2018 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 are separated from their families through no fault of their own, and who need love, support, and guidance so they can thrive and develop to their best potential; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves to belong to a family that is compassionate and committed to meet the increasingly complex behavioral and emotional needs that children and youth in foster care present with in today's society, and

WHEREAS, transition age youth in foster care require mentors and other caring adults that are ready to provide loving guidance and moral support, so that youth may navigate the many challenges of early adulthood, and become self-sufficient, successful adults; and

WHEREAS, children and youth in foster care need heroes who will come forward and become a member of a supportive team that works to provide children and youth safe and nurturing family environments that provide a sense belonging and life-long connection; and

WHEREAS, through the ongoing and steadfast efforts of resource families, mentors, teachers, advocates, social workers, probation officers, and volunteers, children and youth in foster care are able to have a caring network of adults that can support a child's journey toward healing, and ensure a child or youth does not feel alone or isolated while facing life's challenges.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara recognizes May 2018 as **NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH**, in recognition of the value of Resource Families in providing the children and youth in our County hope, safety and the opportunity to heal.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 8th day of May 2018, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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