

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State  
of California**

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING )  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES )  
TO CONTRACT WITH CALIFORNIA )  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES )

RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the Resource Family Approval (RFA) program was created to provide a unified, family friendly, and child-centered resource family approval process to replace multiple processes for licensing foster homes, approving relatives and nonrelative extended family members as foster care providers, and approving adoptive families; establish a single set of standards for resource family approvals which allow for the safety, permanence, and well-being needs of the children who have been victims of child abuse and neglect; reduce the use of congregate care placement settings; and decrease the length of time for each child to obtain permanency.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code section 30029.7, subdivision (a), the County and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) may enter into an agreement for CDSS to provide services or activities related to RFA. The County and CDSS have identified certain services or activities to be provided by CDSS in order to expedite the delivery of services to children and nonminor dependents who reside in an approved resource family home.

**WHEREAS**, CDSS and the County of Santa Barbara wish to enter into an Agreement for the purpose of establishing the responsibilities of the CDSS and the County in the provision and receipt of legal consultation and legal representation in administrative action appeals associated with the Resource Family Approval RFA program pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code section 16519.5 et seq.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Director of the Department of Social Services of the County of Santa Barbara is authorized to execute duly approved agreements with CDSS for the RFA Program on behalf of the County Board of Supervisors.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: \_\_\_\_\_