

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2016 AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County there are approximately 425 children in foster care on any given day who need love, support, and guidance in order to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the foster care system is to ensure the safety and well-being of children until they can be reunited with their families or achieve permanency through adoptions and other lifelong connections; and

WHEREAS, compassionate resource families play a critical role in assuring that children and youth are able to grow and develop in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, resource families are the largest single source of families providing permanent homes for children transitioning from foster care to adoption, resulting in a greater need for more resource families; and

WHEREAS, resource families, child-welfare professionals, and the numerous others involved in the foster care community deserve recognition this month and all year long for their continued team work and steadfast devotion to the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and youth.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara recognizes May 2016 as **NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH,** in recognition of the value of foster care in providing help, healing, and hope to the children and youth in our County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 10th day of May 2016, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST: homberasch Pierk of the Board