



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2015
AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County there are approximately 500 children in foster care on any given day who need the safety and stability of a nurturing and caring home; and

WHEREAS, These foster children, with guidance and support from their caregivers, can learn to be resilient in the face of adversity, and develop the skills necessary for becoming successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Resource families, including foster, adoptive, kinship and relative caregivers, open their homes and their hearts to Santa Barbara County's abused and neglected children, and play a vital role in helping these children and their families reconnect and heal from trauma; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous individuals and organizations who work to increase public awareness of the enduring and valuable contributions of resource parents, and recognize that the foster care system is only as good as the people who generously choose to be a part of it; and

WHEREAS, Due to the tireless work and steadfast devotion of these everyday heroes we call resource parents, Santa Barbara County's foster children will be able to safely reunify with their families, or achieve permanency through adoption or lifelong connections.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara recognizes May 2015 as National Foster Care Month, in recognition of our County's Foster Children, Resource Parents, and all county employees involved in the Juvenile and Dependency System who care for the children and the families that watch over them.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 5th day of May, 2015, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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