



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2017 TO BE NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, every child deserves to belong to a family, and Resource Families are a critical members of the Child Welfare Team that allow children and youth, separated from their homes through no fault of their own to live in nurturing and safe family environments that provide a sense belonging and life-long connections; and

WHEREAS, on any given day in Santa Barbara County there are over 400 children and youth in foster care who need love, support, and guidance so they can thrive and develop to their best potential; and

WHEREAS, older youth in foster care need the guidance, stability and love, that is essential for a young person to thrive and become a successful adult; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing efforts of resource families, mentors, advocates, social workers, and volunteers steadfastly help many children and youth face life's challenges without feeling alone or isolated; and

WHEREAS, thanks to our community's heroes, numerous children and youth who have experienced abuse or neglect, will safely reunify with their parents, form lifelong permanent connections with relatives, resource families, and adoptive families, or be supported into independent adulthood.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara recognizes May 2017 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 9th day of May 2017, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: *Mona Dreyfus*
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