



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2016 TO BE NATIONAL COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes that it is every child's basic right to belong to a permanent, safe, and loving adoptive family which enables them to develop to their fullest potential, and;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that at least 100 adoptions will be finalized this year in Santa Barbara County; Santa Maria Juvenile Court will celebrate National Adoptions Day on November 16, where at least 7 adoptions will be finalized;

WHEREAS, California has more than 60,000 children and youth in the foster care system; and the average foster child waits for an adoptive family for more than two years; in Santa Barbara County there are over 400 children and youth in foster care and of those, 100 children and youth are currently awaiting adoption by a Forever Family;

WHEREAS, adoption is a remarkable experience that permanently impacts and enriches the lives of both the children and adoptive families alike;

WHEREAS, our adoptive children and families deserve community and public agency support, and Adoption and Permanency Month serves to honor the dedication of caring members of the community, including resource families, service providers, members of the Juvenile Court, and the Department of Social Services, who work in collaboration to ensure a better life for the children of Santa Barbara County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the month of November 2016 as **COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors and the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this eighth day of November, two thousand and sixteen, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Reyes
Clerk of the Board

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