



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2017 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 that provides the child with security and stability, and brings a sense of fulfillment and joy to both the child and the adoptive parents, and;

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, 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 15, where at least 16 adoptions will be finalized;

WHEREAS, adoption provides children and youth with security and stability, and today's adoptions are ensuring that many children and youth remain with their siblings, grandparents and other family members, reducing long term trauma and setting a healing trajectory for these children and their families alike;

WHEREAS, our adoptive children and youth and their families require and deserve support from the community, and Court Adoption and Permanency Month reminds us to honor the dedication of caring members of the community, such as relatives, resource families, service providers and schools, members of the Juvenile Court, and the Department of Social Services, that work collaboratively to ensure a better life for the children and youth of Santa Barbara County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the month of November 2017 as **COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH**.

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



ATTEST:

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