

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER TO BE COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH

Today there are 513,000 children in the United States foster care system. Approximately, 114,000 children in foster care are in need of adoptive homes. This November marks the seventeenth annual national Adoption Month. Our goal is to find permanent homes for all of our children. Every child in America, every child in Santa Barbara County, California deserves a permanent home, where they are loved and nurtured in a safe, supportive environment.

WHEREAS, there are currently 528 children in foster care in Santa Barbara County and 150 of those children have a permanent plan of adoption.

WHEREAS, finding forever families for these children is our goal; and

WHEREAS, many of these children have special needs because of physical, mental or emotional disabilities and need extra patience and support to help them overcome previous hardships,

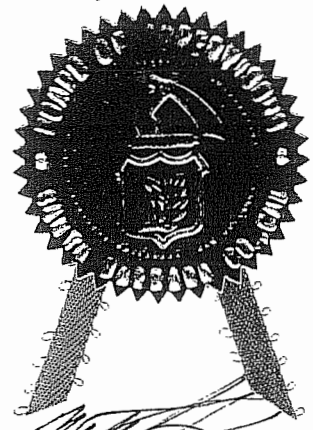
WHEREAS, you don't have to be perfect to be an adoptive parent, and disability, socioeconomic status, or marital status does not preclude the right to adopt,


WHEREAS, In 2005/2006, 55 children were adopted from foster care in Santa Barbara County, in 2006/2007 65 children were adopted from foster care in Santa Barbara County, and in 2007/2008 it is expected that over 75 children will be adopted in Santa Barbara County,

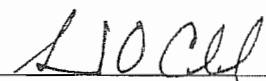
WHEREAS, the children in foster care and the families that adopt them require and deserve community and public agency support,

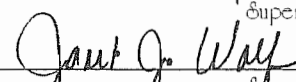
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara recognizes November 2007 as **COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH**, in recognition of our County's children in the process of being adopted or needing adoptive homes, of the foster/adoptive parents who have adopted or are waiting to adopt children, and the tireless efforts of our County employees in the Juvenile Court system and Child Welfare Services to facilitate such adoptions.

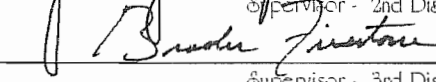
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this twenty-seventh day of November, two thousand and seven, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

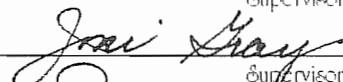


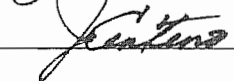
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Clerk of the Board


Supervisor - 1st District


Supervisor - 2nd District


Supervisor - 3rd District


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Supervisor - 5th District