



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Anita Ortiz PHONE: 559-624-8000		

SUBJECT: Adopt a resolution proclaiming May 2018 as National Foster Care Month

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:
Adopt a resolution proclaiming May 2018 as "National Foster Care Month"

SUMMARY:
Nearly 400,000 children, youth, and teens are currently in foster care in the United States. These children have been placed into foster care because their own families are unable to provide for their essential well-being. Resource Families, (formerly known as Foster Families), provide a safe, secure, and stable home for these young individuals whose families are in crisis and would otherwise have to face life's challenges all alone. Resource parents are the unsung heroes who support these children by offering them a safe and nurturing environment. Over the past year, Tulare County Resource Parents opened their homes and hearts to approximately 1,649 children and teens, often helping these foster youth to either reunite with parents, relative caretakers, or be adopted by loving families.

May has been declared National Foster Care Month, during which the County and nation recognizes the promise of America's children and youth in foster care and commends the devotion and selflessness of the Resource Families and professionals who step in to care for them in their moment of need. The individuals who support these children as Resource Parents, mentors, advocates, social workers, or volunteers play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect. This support is essential to launching foster youth into successful adulthood.

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On May 12th, 2018, Tulare County will celebrate Resource Parents at the annual Tulare County Resource Parent Appreciation event. This event gives the much deserved recognition to the compassionate individuals who provide guidance and mentorship to youth in foster care, and are a lasting, supportive presence in their lives.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

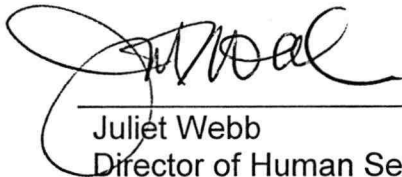
There are no associated costs for the proclamation, however the costs for the Resource Parent Appreciation event are covered under the current Tulare County Child Welfare Services 17/18 Budget and no additional revenues are required.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life initiative to promote and encourage the provision of quality supportive services for individuals in Tulare County. This proclamation enhances the provision of quality supportive services by giving recognition to Resource parents who provide supportive services to the community while also enhancing awareness.

National Foster Care Month supports the Quality of Life initiative by creating awareness for the need of Resource Parents to provide supportive services for at-risk youth and children in Tulare County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Juliet Webb
Director of Human Services

cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Proclamation

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPT A)
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2018) Resolution No. _____
AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH) Agreement No. _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Adopted a resolution proclaiming May 2018 as "National Foster Care Month"