



Health and Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: November 6, 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"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	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: Designating November 2018 as Adoption Awareness Month in Tulare County

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Designate the month of November 2018 as Adoption Awareness Month in Tulare County; and
2. Support the goals and ideal of National Adoption Awareness Month, including raising public awareness of children in foster care waiting to find permanency and celebrating and honoring all families who adopt.

SUMMARY:

National Adoption Day and National Adoption Awareness Month are collective national efforts to raise awareness of the more than 430,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families of which more than 117,000 are available for adoption. For the last seventeen years, National Adoption Day has been commemorated through the collaborative efforts of courts, judges, attorneys, adoption professionals, child welfare agencies, and advocates to finalize adoptions and find permanent, loving homes for thousands of children in foster care.

Tulare County Adoptions, a unit within Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency's Child Welfare Services Division, works diligently to find loving, permanent homes for Tulare County's foster youth who cannot return home. The passion and commitment adoption social workers have given to finding permanent families to children, has resulted in over 2,000 finalized adoptions in the past fifteen years.

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One hundred and twelve (112) adoptions of Tulare County foster youth were finalized in FY 2017/18.

This year, National Adoption Day will be celebrated on November 16, 2018 in Tulare County Superior Court. Each year, a new initiative focuses its outreach and awareness raising efforts around a theme. For this year's 2018 National Adoption Month, the theme "In Their Own Words: Lifting Up Youth Voices." highlights the importance of securing lifelong connections for teens in foster care, both legally and emotionally.

In honor of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Awareness Month, Tulare County Child Welfare Services (CWS) along with ASPIRAnet, a community adoption partner, will be hosting a celebratory event on November, 13 2018 at Roller Towne. This is a closed event only for Foster and Adoptive parents and their children. The event will provide an opportunity to honor those Tulare County families who have recently adopted or are in the process of adopting foster youth.

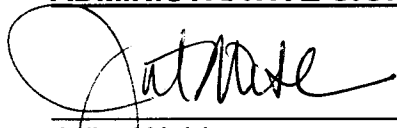
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Tulare County CWS and ASPIRAnet have collaborated in funding the event on November 13, 2018. There is no net cost to the County General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Adoption Day in Tulare County and the designation of November 2017 as Adoption Awareness Month in Tulare County are consistent with the Tulare County Strategic Plan in the Quality of Life Initiative which encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth, and children in state and federally mandated programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Juliet Webb
Director of Human Services

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Proclamation

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

**IN THE MATTER OF DESIGNATING
NOVEMBER 2018 AS NATIONAL
ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH
IN TULARE COUNTY.**

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) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
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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: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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