



Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: November 10, 2009

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>						

CONTACT PERSON: Juliet Webb PHONE: 737-4660

SUBJECT: Designating November 2009 as Adoption Awareness Month in Tulare County.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Designate the month of November 2009 as Adoption Awareness Month in Tulare County.
2. Support the goals and ideals 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 is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the 129,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families. For the last nine years, National Adoption Day has made the dreams of thousands of children come true by working with courts, judges, attorneys, adoption professionals, child welfare agencies and advocates to finalize adoptions and find permanent, loving homes for children in foster care.

Tulare County Adoptions Unit, a unit within Tulare County Child Welfare Services, works diligently to find permanency for Tulare County's foster youth. The success is evident: over 844 adoptions have been finalized by Tulare County Adoptions in the past six years. One hundred twenty-three adoptions were finalized in FY 2008/09.

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In honor of National Adoption Day and Adoption Awareness Month in Tulare County, Tulare County Child Welfare Services (CWS), along with ASPIRAnet, a community partner who works with CWS on efforts to find permanency for Tulare County foster children, will be hosting a celebratory event on Saturday, November 14, 2009. The event will take place from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Imagine U Children's Museum, located 708 E. Main Street, Visalia. The event will provide an opportunity to honor those Tulare County families who have recently adopted or are in the process of adopting former foster youth.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Tulare County CWS and AspiraNet have collaborated in funding the event on November 14th. There is no Net County Cost.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Adoption Day in Tulare County and the designation of November 2009 as Adoption Awareness Month in Tulare County links to the County's five-year strategic plan's Quality of Life initiative that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth and children in state and federally mandated programs.

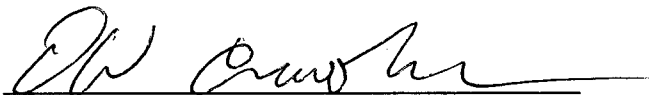
ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

Tulare County collaborated with AspiraNet to sponsor the event honoring National Adoption Day and in the promotion of Adoption Awareness Month in Tulare County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



David Crawford
Director of Human Services

Cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (3)

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

IN THE MATTER OF:
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RESOLUTION NO. _____
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: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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