

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-16-67

Proclaiming May as

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, May is **National Foster Care Awareness Month**, a month set aside to acknowledge foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help children in foster care find permanent homes, healthy connections, and the resources to lead a successful and rewarding life; and

WHEREAS, established more than 20 years ago, **National Foster Care Awareness Month** is a time to bring foster care issues to the forefront, recognize the struggles of children in foster care, and renew our commitment to ensuring a bright future for the more than 400,000 children and youth in foster care throughout the nation and the over 400 children and youth locally that need our help in finding a path to success; and

WHEREAS, knowing that being placed in foster care can be a chaotic and anguishing experience, **National Foster Care Awareness Month** highlights the need for every child to live in a safe, stable, and permanent home, and to be nurtured by a healthy family and a strong community; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that youth in foster care are much more likely to face educational instability, the Monterey County Office of Education through its Foster Youth Services Coordinator works diligently, collaborating with school districts and organizations, to promote the awareness and needs of local foster youth and to support the many community efforts and programs that make a meaningful difference in the lives of these children; and

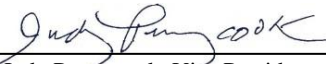
WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education acknowledges the special needs of children in the foster care system and honors Monterey County agencies, individuals, and organizations, such as Voices for Children CASA, Peacock Acres, Door to Hope, The Epicenter, and many others that work collaboratively to build a caring network of hope and provide an array of social services in the areas of positive development and life skills training to enhance the lives of these children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 15-16-67 to recognize the month of May as **National Foster Care Awareness Month** and calls upon agencies, organizations, schools, and the public to observe this month by coordinating awareness efforts and activities that recognize foster youth organizations and services and improves the well-being of our foster youth.

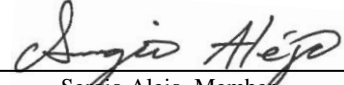
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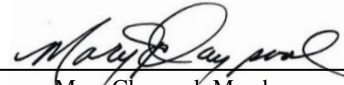
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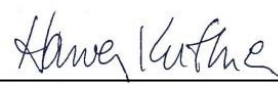
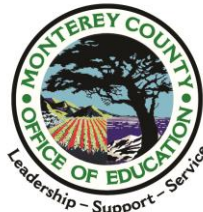
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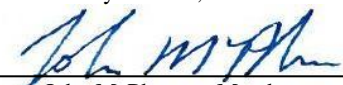
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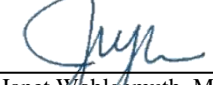
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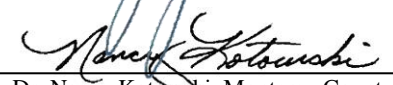
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