

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 17-18-52

Recognizing May as NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, each May, **National Foster Care Month** provides an opportunity for people all across the nation to focus attention on the year-round needs of American children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, established more than 20 years ago, **National Foster Care Month** raises awareness and brings foster care issues to the forefront to recognize the struggles of children in foster care and to help renew a commitment to ensure these children have bright futures; and

WHEREAS, **National Foster Care Month** provides an opportunity to acknowledge the caring individuals, foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals and organizations, and other members of the community who help children in foster care find permanent homes, healthy connections, and the resources to lead a rewarding life; and

WHEREAS, foster care youth can face chaotic and anguishing experiences and **National Foster Care Month** highlights the need to support foster children and provide them with a safe, stable, and permanent home, and to be nurtured by a healthy family, supportive school environment, and a strong community; and


WHEREAS, youth in foster care face educational instability and the Monterey County Office of Education's Foster Youth Services Coordinator works diligently, collaborating with school districts and organizations, to provide support services and organize programs such as the annual Foster Youth Summit that help make a meaningful difference in the lives of our over 400 local foster children; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education acknowledges the special needs of foster youth and honors Monterey County agencies, individuals, and organizations that build a caring network of hope and provide social services in the areas of positive development and life skills training to enhance the lives of these children:


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 17-18-52 to recognize the month of May as **National Foster Care 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.

Passed and Adopted
on the Fourth Day of April 2018



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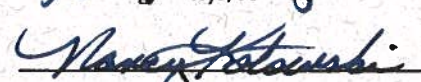

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