The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of: Proclaiming May 2024 as Foster Care Month in Contra Costa County.

Resolution No. 2024-183

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognizes the importance of ensuring children live in safe, healthy, and loving environments, and the value of the resource families or foster caregivers who can help provide this stability, support reunification efforts, and strengthen child and family well-being; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Foster Care Month theme of "Engaging Youth. Building Supports. Strengthening Opportunities." shines a light on how we can best support young people and help them successfully transition into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, when some children and teens are unable to safely remain in the home of their families of origin, resource families serve as a source of compassion, care, and nurturing; and

WHEREAS, ensuring young people leave care with strengthened relationships, holistic supports, and opportunities are priorities for Contra Costa County's Children & Family Services; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County, as of March 2024, there were 600 children and youth in out-of-home placements that included resource families who provided safe, secure, and stable home environments; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County's Kinship Support Services Programs are crucial for supporting relatives as they care for children who are in out-of-home care stay connected to the important people in their lives and their community; and

WHEREAS, caregivers and guardians who open their homes and hearts for infants and children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in keeping children safe; and

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WHEREAS, Children & Family Services, in collaboration with family support organizations, courts, faith-based communities, related agencies and professionals, support children and families with the right mix of services and partnerships; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaims May 2024 as Foster Care Month in Contra Costa County, recognizing the enduring and valuable contribution of foster, relative, and non-relative caregivers.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 21st day of May 2024.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

Chair,

District V Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

District III Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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District IV Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: May 21, 2024

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

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, Deputy