

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Proclaiming November 2024
as Adoption Awareness Month in Contra Costa
County.**

Resolution No. 2024-371

WHEREAS, all children, infants, toddlers, school-aged and older youth, deserve a safe, loving, supportive environment and a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 National Adoption Month theme, "Honoring Youth: Strengthening Pathways for Lasting Bonds," raises awareness about how we can cultivate a support network for youth in foster care to meet their needs; embrace and affirm their identity; and promote family, community, and cultural connections; and

WHEREAS, in Contra Costa County, we recognize that we can work toward meaningful adoption journeys for teens and older youth who generally tend to have a longer wait for permanent homes, and help them secure lifelong connections to pave the way for healing, well-being, and long-term stability; and

WHEREAS, reunifying children with their own families is the primary goal only when it is safe and in the child's best interest, and when reunification is not possible, Children and Family Services (CFS) helps find caregivers who can offer children and youth permanent homes through adoption; and

WHEREAS, during Fiscal Year 2023-24, EHSD's Children & Family Services completed 60 adoptions; and

WHEREAS, of the 60 adoptions, 40 of the adoptions were with relatives and 35 of the adopted children were under 5 years old; and

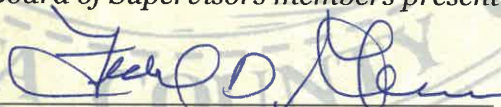
WHEREAS, CFS and community partners provided adoption assistance and post-adoption support to 1,554 families during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, there are no restrictions on who can adopt based on race, ethnicity, religion, physical ability, income, sexual orientation or expression, gender identity, marital status; and

WHEREAS, adoption secures supportive and nurturing families and homes, including those of relative caregivers, for children and teens, and can play a role in preventing recurring child abuse and neglect; and

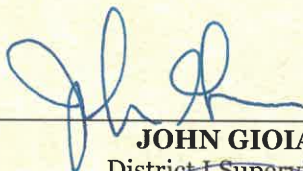
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaims November 2024 as National Adoption Month in Contra Costa County to celebrate our community's adoptive families and raise awareness about the number of children and teens who are still waiting for a permanent home.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 5th day of November 2024.



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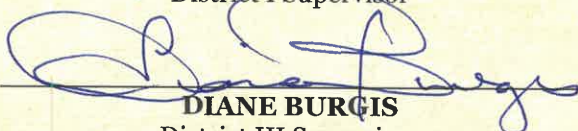
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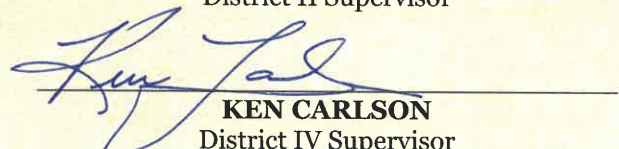
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