

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Proclaiming May 2025 as
Foster Care Month in Contra Costa County.**

Resolution No. 2025-148

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognizes the critical role foster families, relative caregivers, social workers, service providers, and community partners play in supporting the health, safety, and well-being of children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the needs of children and youth in foster care, the importance of ensuring children live in safe, healthy, and loving environments, and the value of resource families or foster caregivers who can help provide this stability and support strengthen child and family bonds; 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, in Contra Costa County there were 584 children and youth in out-of-home placements in March 2025 for whom resource families provided safe, secure and stable environments, and

WHEREAS, of the 584 children and youth, 179 (approximately 31%) are in the care of relative and Non-Related Extended Family Members (NREFM) placements; 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

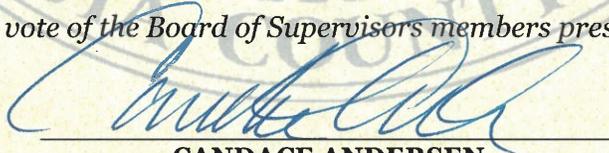
WHEREAS, caregivers and guardians who open their homes and hearts for infants and children whose families are in crisis play a vital role in keeping children safe; and

WHEREAS, ensuring young people leave care with strengthened relationships, holistic support, and opportunities is a priority for Contra Costa County's Children & Family Services; and

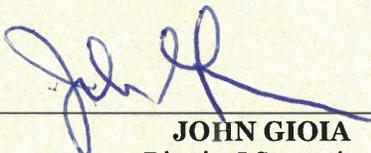
WHEREAS, Children & Family Services, in collaboration with family support organizations, courts, faith based communities, County Counsel, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), related agencies and professionals, support children and families with the right mix of services and partnerships; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaims May 2025 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 13th day of May 2025.



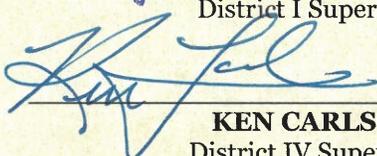
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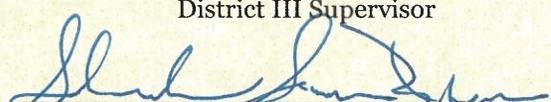
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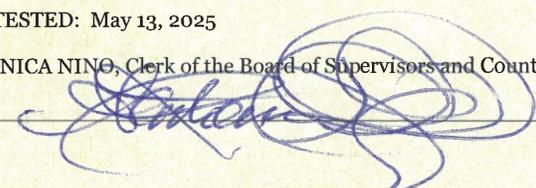


SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON
District V Supervisor

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 13, 2025

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

By  , Deputy

