

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Proclaiming November 2025
as National Adoption Awareness Month, in
Contra Costa County.**

Resolution No. 2025-367

WHEREAS, all children, infants, toddlers, school-aged and older youth, deserve a safe, loving, supportive environment and a place to call home; and National Adoption Month raises awareness about the need for adoptive families and the importance of cultivating a support network for youth in foster care, embracing and affirming their identity, and promoting family, community, and cultural connections; and

WHEREAS, reunifying children with their own families is the primary goal when it is safe and in the child's best interest to do so and, when reunification is not possible, Children and Family Services (CFS) of the Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Department (EHSD) help to find caregivers who can offer children and youth permanent homes through adoption; and during Fiscal Year 2024-2025 EHSD's Children & Family Services completed 53 adoptions; and

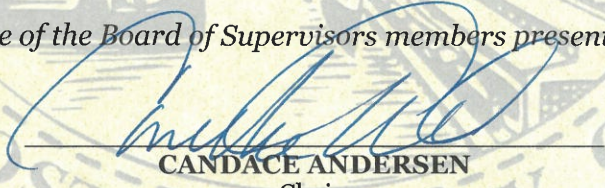
WHEREAS, of the 53 adoptions, 22 of the adoptions were with relatives, 37 of the adopted children were under 5 years old, and 9 of the youth adopted were teens; and CFS and community partners provided adoption assistance and post-adoption support to 1,464 families during Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in Contra Costa County; and

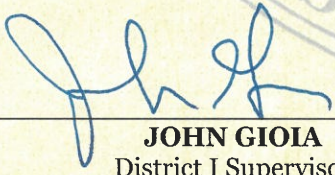
WHEREAS, we recognize that we can work toward meaningful adoption journeys for teens and older youth who generally tend to have a longer wait for permanent homes, and help them secure lifelong connections to pave the way for healing, well-being, and long-term stability; and there are no restrictions on who can adopt based on race, ethnicity, religion, physical ability, income, sexual orientation or expression, gender identity, marital status; and

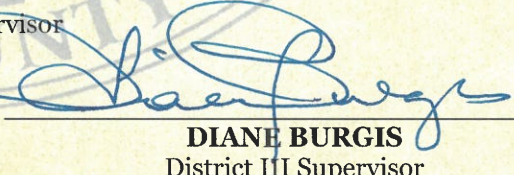
WHEREAS, adoption secures supportive and nurturing families and homes, including those of relative caregivers, for children and teens, and can play a role in preventing recurring child abuse and neglect.

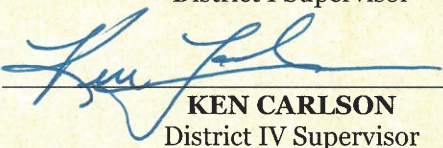
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaims November 2025 as National Adoption Month in Contra Costa County to celebrate our community's adoptive families and raise awareness about the number of children and teens who are still waiting for a permanent home.

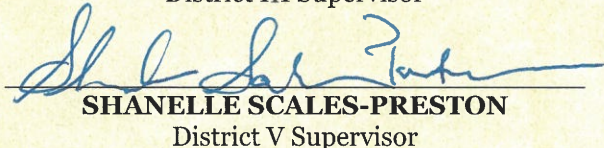
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 4th day of November 2025.


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Chair,
District II Supervisor


JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor


DIANE BURGIS
District III Supervisor


KEN CARLSON
District IV Supervisor

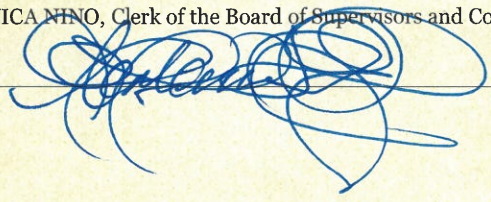

SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON
District V Supervisor



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: November 4, 2025

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

By , Deputy