

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-21-43

Recognizing May as NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education recognizes the month of May as **National Foster Care Month** to heighten awareness that children in foster care need love, support, security, and a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, foster care plays a critical role in providing children who have been removed from their home, due to a harmful situation, a safe environment and place of refuge; and

WHEREAS, during **National Foster Care Month** the Monterey County Board of Education recognizes and celebrates the caring individuals, foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, organizations and community members who help children in foster care develop healthy connections, find permanent homes, and provide them with the resources to lead a happy and rewarding life; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the struggles of children in foster care, the Monterey County Board of Education and the Monterey County Office of Education strive to develop solutions to support these children and their care providers; and

WHEREAS, youth in foster care face educational instability and the Monterey County Office of Education's Foster Youth Services maintains outstanding partnerships with organizations and collaborates with school district personnel to provide support services and organize programs such as the annual Foster Youth Summit to help make meaningful differences in the lives of our over 400 local foster children; and

WHEREAS, exposure to a traumatic event or living situation can affect learning and in response the Monterey County Office of Education hosted a Trauma-Informed Practices workshop at a Rev-Up Conference on how trauma impacts students and what can be done in classrooms to create trauma sensitive learning environments; and

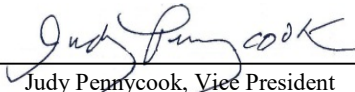
WHEREAS, foster care youth can face chaotic and anguishing experiences and **National Foster Care Month** highlights the need to support foster children, provide them with a safe, stable, and permanent home, and the importance of being nurtured by a healthy family, supportive school environment, and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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 20-21-43 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 Fourteenth Day of April, 2021**



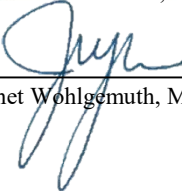
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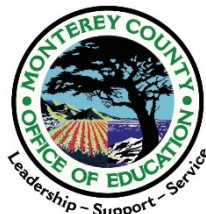
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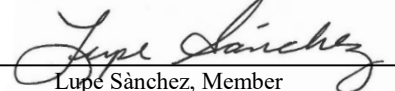
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