

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-23-39

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 homes, due to a harmful situation, with a safe environment and place of refuge; and

WHEREAS, during **National Foster Care Month** the Monterey County Board of Education recognizes and celebrates the important role that members from all parts of the child welfare system play in supporting children and youth in foster care to help them develop healthy connections, maintain family and cultural ties, find permanent homes, and provide them with the resources to lead a happy and rewarding life; and

WHEREAS, youth in foster care face educational instability, and the Monterey County Office of Education's Foster Youth Services Program maintains outstanding partnerships with organizations and collaborates with school district personnel to provide support services and organize programs such as the annual Foster Youth Symposium to help make meaningful differences in the lives of hundreds of 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's Foster Youth Services Program offers service and support to students in foster care, as well as to school districts, agencies, and community-based organizations who work with students in foster care; and

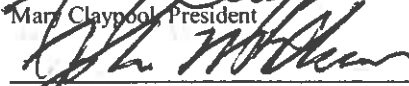
WHEREAS, recognizing the hardships and widespread impacts of trauma on children and youth in foster care, the Monterey County Board of Education and the Monterey County Office of Education actively strive to seek effective educational pathways and develop solutions to support these students and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, foster care children and youth can face turbulent and anguishing experiences and **National Foster Care Month** highlights the need to 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:

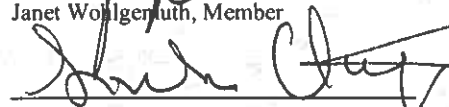
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 22-23-39 to recognize the month of May as **National Foster Care Month** and calls upon agencies, organizations, schools, and the public to observe this month by coordinating awareness efforts and activities that recognize foster youth organizations and services and improves the well-being of our children and foster youth.

Passed and Adopted on the
Twelfth Day of April 2023


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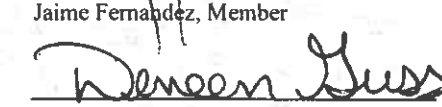

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