

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-65

Proclaiming May 2024 as Foster Care Month in Yolo County

WHEREAS all children deserve a safe, loving, and permanent home; and

WHEREAS, for more than 100 years, the Children's Bureau has worked to assist children and youth in foster care, including since 2008 when California extended foster care services to age 21 through the Fostering Connections Success; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 39,000 children and youth in foster care in the State of California and 239 children and youth in the foster care system in Yolo County, all of whom deserve the security and opportunity for growth that a family can provide; and

WHEREAS, foster, adoptive and kinship parents provide California's children with opportunities to be part of caring families and help them connect to permanent homes through reunification, permanent placement with relatives or preparation for adoption; and

WHEREAS, a child's success is best supported in a system that is family-focused, child centered, trauma-informed and community-based; and

WHEREAS children of color are more likely to stay in the foster care system for longer periods of time and are less likely to be reunited with their biological families; and

WHEREAS children entering foster care often confront the widespread misperception that children in foster care are disruptive, unruly, and dangerous, even though placement in foster care is based on the actions of a parent or guardian, not the child; and

WHEREAS foster, adoptive and kinship parents are the front-line caregivers for children who cannot safely remain with their biological parents and provide physical care, emotional support, education advocacy, and are the largest single source of families giving these children the opportunity to be part of caring families and helping connect them to permanent homes; and

WHEREAS May 2024 is an appropriate month to designate as Foster Care Month to provide an opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of the child welfare workforce, foster parents, advocacy community, and mentors for their dedication, accomplishments, and positive impact they have on the lives of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby declares the month of May 2024 as Foster Care Month in Yolo County and calls upon all residents to recognize Yolo County Health and Human Services for their selfless commitment and to acknowledge the crucial role they play in providing stability and care for all children who cannot safely remain in their own homes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Vixie Sandy, Provenza, Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs.

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors