



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, May is National Foster Care Month, and in Humboldt County we celebrate Caregiver Appreciation Month which includes foster parents, resource families, tribal homes, relatives, non-related extended family members and caregivers working with youth living in group homes and Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers welcome into their homes children and youth ranging from newborns to non-minor dependents up to 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 340 county children in out-of-home care being provided with safe, secure, stable and nurturing homes with compassionate caregivers; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers practice a high standard of skilled parenting by being willing to seek out resources and training to help children cope with trauma, loss and separation through developmental life stages while ensuring educational services, as well as making sure they get the provided medical and dental care; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers are valued members of a team dedicated to supporting, mentoring and advocating for children and their families, and are vital to ensuring that children remain in their communities; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers are open to maintaining lifelong connections to children, youth and families and are essential to supporting reunification and permanency by keeping children connected; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers meet a special need in our community by ensuring children and youth receive the attention they need, the respect they deserve and unconditional love; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County caregivers have been supportive, flexible and have remained open to providing care during the time of Shelter in Place; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County caregivers deserve our gratitude and respect for the work they do every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims **May 2020 as CAREGIVER APPRECIATION MONTH** and thanks foster parents, resource families, tribal homes, relative caregivers, non-related extended family members and caregivers working with youth living in group homes and Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs for their dedication to Humboldt County children and youth.

DATED: May 19, 2020

ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair