

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 resource parents, tribally approved homes, relatives, non-related extended family members and caregivers working with youth living in 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 286 county children in out-of-home care being provided with safe, secure, stable and nurturing homes with compassionate families; 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 medical and dental care are provided; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers are valued members of the child and family 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 deserve our gratitude and respect for the work they do every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims **May 2023 as CAREGIVER APPRECIATION MONTH** and thanks resource parents, tribally approved caregivers, relatives, non-related extended family members, and caregivers working with youth living in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs for their dedication to Humboldt County children and youth.

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Steve Madrone, Chair