



AGENDA ITEM NO.

D-4

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: May 10, 2016

Date: April 27, 2016
 To: Board of Supervisors
 From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
 Subject: Foster Parent Appreciation Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors Adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: In recognition of the importance and benefit of caregivers, the Board wishes to proclaim May, 2016 as Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Humboldt County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature *Ryan Sundberg*

REVIEW:	Auditor _____	County Counsel _____	Personnel _____	Risk Manager _____	Other _____
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TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Special Presentation (10mins)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
 Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg
 Seconded by Supervisor Fennell
 And unanimously carried by those members present,
 The Board hereby adopts the recommended action
 contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

Dated: May 10, 2016
Ana Hartwell, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: *Ana Hartwell*

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, Tribal homes, relatives and non-related extended family members; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers welcome into their homes children and youth ranging from newborns to non-minor dependants over the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, there are 304 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; and

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

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WHEREAS, these caregivers mentor, support and advocate for children, families and each other; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers are open to maintaining a lifelong connection 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, foster parents make sure educational services, as well as medical and dental care are provided; and

WHEREAS, foster parents have recently stepped up to meet a critical need for additional homes, recruiting new foster parents, resulting in many new potential foster homes starting the licensing process; 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 2016 as FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH** and thanks foster parents, Tribal homes, relative caregivers and non-related extended family caregivers for their dedication to Humboldt County children and youth.

DATED: May 10, 2016


MARK LOVELACE, Chair