

## **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

AGENDA ITEM NO.

D-8

For the meeting of: Ma	y 5,	2015	,
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Date:

March 27, 2015

To:

Board of Supervisors

From:

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg

Subject:

Foster Parent Appreciation Month

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

**SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A** 

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: In recognition of the importance and benefit of caregivers, the Board wishes to proclaim May, 2015 as Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Humboldt County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

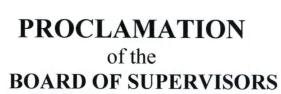
OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** 

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

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REVIEW: Auditor	County Counsel	Personnel	Risk Manager	Other
TYPE OF ITEM:  Consent Departmental Public Hearing XX Special Presentation (10mins)  PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:  TYPE OF ITEM:  Hearing The pulled Combined with  PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:  D-2		BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT Upon motion of Supervisor Seconded by Supervisor And unanimously carried by those members present, The Board hereby adopts the recommended action contained in this report.		
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WHEREAS, May is National Foster Care Month, and in Humboldt County, we celebrate Foster Parent Appreciation Month which includes foster parents, Tribal homes, relatives and non-related extended family members; and

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

WHEREAS, there are 295 county children in out-of-home care being provided with safe, secure, stable and nurturing homes with compassionate families; and

WHEREAS, foster parents 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, foster parents are valued members of a team dedicated to nurturing, honoring and supporting children and their families and help ensure that children remain in their communities; and

WHEREAS, foster parents mentor, support and advocate for children, families and each other; and

WHEREAS, foster parents 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, foster parents 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

NOW, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims May 2015 as FOSTER PARENTS APPRECIATION MONTH and thank foster parents, Tribal homes, relative caregivers and non-related extended family caregivers for their dedication to Humboldt County children and youth.

DATED: May 5, 2015

ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair