

Resolution No. 2025 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2025 AS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, every child in California deserves to live in a safe, stable, permanent home nurtured by loving adults, families, and strong communities; and

WHEREAS, the State of California uses the term 'Resource Family' to describe the approved caregivers commonly and historically known as licensed or certified foster parents, approved relative caregivers, and non-related-extended-family-members, who are approved under a uniform process known as 'Resource Family Approval'; and

WHEREAS, according to the Child Welfare Indicators Project, as of January 2025, there are 38,894 children and youth in foster care in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as of February 2025, Solano County Child Welfare Services served 324 youth in foster care, ensuring their safety, permanency, and well-being through temporary, court-monitored services; and

WHEREAS, resource families are critical in providing daily care, love, and support to foster youth, helping them heal from trauma and thrive in a stable, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, Solano County Child Welfare Services is committed to a "kin-first" culture that prioritizes placing children with relatives or close family connections whenever possible, recognizing that kinship care minimizes trauma, preserves family bonds, and promotes cultural permanency; and

WHEREAS, Solano County Child Welfare Services actively recruits and approves resource families through the Resource Family Approval program and, as of March 2025, there are 194 approved Resource Homes in Solano County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors recognizes the month of May 2025 as Foster Care Awareness Month and does hereby urge all residents to help change a child's life by supporting efforts for children in foster care by either opening their homes, assisting foster families and child welfare staff, or donating to foster care causes during this month and throughout the year.

Dated this 6th day of May 2025

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk