

Resolution No. 2019 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2019 AS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "*Foster Care as a Support to Families, Not a Substitute for Parents*," and is a time to recognize that we each can play a part in enhancing the lives of children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Awareness Month provides an opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated Resource Families of Solano County, including related and non-related care providers, who meet the daily and often long-term needs of youth in need of out-of-home placement due to experiences of child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, the State of California now 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 now approved under a uniform process known as "Resource Family Approval"; and

WHEREAS, in California, numerous individuals and public and private organizations are working together to improve the lives of foster youth and to prepare them for successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Awareness Month is a time to raise community awareness about the needs of foster youth, spotlight the importance of foster and relative care programs and services in our County and State and offer appreciation to California's foster and relative caregivers, families and the public and private partners who commit themselves daily in support of our children.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the month of May 2019 as Foster Care Awareness Month and does hereby urge all citizens 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 23rd day of April, 2019

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk