



## Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

**Recognizing May as National Foster Care Month  
in the County of El Dorado**  
*Relative and Kin Connections: Keeping Families Strong*

**WHEREAS**, the County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency is passionate about keeping families together by recognizing family strengths, valuing families' expertise in overcoming challenges, and teaming with natural supports and community partners; and

**WHEREAS**, we are committed throughout all levels of the agency to bring about effective and sustainable change to increase child safety, stability and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, there are just under 200 El Dorado County children residing in foster care, and there remains a need for additional caring adults to build connections and help children, teens, and non-minor dependents to maintain a sense of belonging to their extended family, to their culture, and to their community ; and

**WHEREAS**, caring related and non-related Resource Families have opened their hearts and their homes to provide for the physical, emotional health, and educational needs of our foster children, teens, and non-minor dependents; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that placing children and youth with kin caregivers can uniquely support reunification, can support cultural preservation and pride, and can often help minimize trauma, all Resource Families meet a very special need in our community by ensuring all foster children receive trauma informed and family centered attention, respect, love, compassion, and guidance; and

**WHEREAS**, Resource Families are called upon to support both the children and their parents during efforts to safely reunify families of origin, whenever possible, and contribute to alternative permanency options when necessary, and recognize that every family's story is unique; and

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County Resource Families deserve our gratitude, respect, and support for the work they do every day to ensure that our children can thrive beyond the events that brought them into the child welfare system and prepare them for a self-sufficient, fulfilling, and productive life in the future, and they empower the voices of foster youth at every stage; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of El Dorado recognizes all Resource Families and show appreciation to them for the care they provide to the children, teens, and non-minor dependents in their homes.