



## **PROCLAMATION**

*Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado Proclaiming*

**MAY as FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH in the County of El Dorado**

**WHEREAS**, County of El Dorado Department of Human Services is committed to keeping families together and safe; and

**WHEREAS**, there are in excess of 60,000 children residing with foster families in the State of California due to abuse, neglect or abandonment; and

**WHEREAS**, caring foster families have opened their hearts and their homes to provide for the physical, emotional, health and educational needs of our foster children; and

**WHEREAS**, foster parents meet a very special need in our community by ensuring foster children receive attention, respect, love, compassion, and guidance; and

**WHEREAS**, foster parents are called upon to support both the children and their parents during efforts to safely reunite families of origin, whenever possible, and contribute to alternative permanency options when necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, specialized training and support services are provided to foster parents; and

**WHEREAS**, there remains a significant need for additional caring adults in El Dorado County to consider opening their homes to children in need of foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, County of El Dorado foster parents deserve our gratitude and respect for the work they do every day to ensure that our children can move beyond the trauma that brought them into the child welfare system and prepare them for fulfilling, productive lives in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize all foster parents and thank them for the care they provide to the children in their homes.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the month of May 2011 has been designated and proclaimed in the County of El Dorado as

### **“FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH”**

**Passed and Adopted** by the County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting of said Board on May 3, 2011.

*Attest:*

Suzanne Allen de Sanchez

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors