

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 Health and Human Services Agency is committed to keeping families together and safe; and

WHEREAS, there are in excess of 55,000 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 the County of El Dorado 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 events that brought them into the child welfare system and prepare them for fulfilling productive lives in the future; and

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado recognizes 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 2012 has been designated and proclaimed in the County of El Dorado as

"FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH"

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board on May 15, 2012.

Attest: Terri Daly Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:

Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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Chair, Board of Supervisors