

## Proclamation

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

## Recognizing May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month in the County of El Dorado "Get to Know the Many Faces of Foster Care"

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency is committed to keeping families together and safe; and

WHEREAS, there are in excess of 320 El Dorado County children residing with foster families; 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 reunify families of origin, whenever possible, and contribute to alternative permanency options when necessary; 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, El Dorado County foster parents 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

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado recognizes all foster parents and show appreciation to them for the care they provide to the children in their homes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 5th day of May 2015, does hereby proclaim month of May 2015 as "Foster Parent Appreciation Month" for all to recognize and pay tribute to the County's foster parent population.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 5th day of May 2015.

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair

Board of Supervisors