

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY *fe*
Urgent _____ Routine X
CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES _____ NO _____
(Information Attached)

BOARD AGENDA # *A-2
AGENDA DATE MAY 1, 2001
4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO X

SUBJECT:

PROCLAMATION OF THE MONTH OF MAY AS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH AND A DAY IN AUGUST 2001 AS FOSTER PARENT AND RELATIVE CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY.

STAFF
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS:

1. PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY AS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH AND A DAY IN AUGUST 2001 AS FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION DAY.
2. PRESENT A RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION AND A RELATIVE CARE PROVIDERS AT THE MAY 8, 2001 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING.

FISCAL
IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-311

On motion of Supervisor Blom _____, Seconded by Supervisor Caruso _____
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul _____
Noes: Supervisors: None _____
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None _____
Abstaining: Supervisor: None _____

- 1) X Approved as recommended
- 2) _____ Denied
- 3) _____ Approved as amended

Motion:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

Christine Ferraro
By: Deputy

File No.

PROCLAMATION OF THE MONTH OF MAY AS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH
AND A DAY IN AUGUST 2001 AS FOSTER PARENT AND RELATIVE CARE
PROVIDERS APPRECIATION DAY.

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DISCUSSION: The Governor and the California Legislature have proclaimed May as Foster Care Awareness Month, calling attention to the special role that foster parents play in providing nurturing care to children who are separated from their birth families due to abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

In Stanislaus County, there are currently 133 foster homes licensed by the Stanislaus County Community Services Agency who are playing a vital role in serving children in this community. These foster parents and the Stanislaus County Foster Parent Association are committed to providing quality care to approximately 287 children who, for a variety of reasons, cannot be with their parents or relatives. This is a very important and often challenging service.

Several Foster Family Agencies that are licensed by the State provide care for approximately 160 Stanislaus County dependent children, with Group Homes serving an additional 91 children. These services are supervised by the Departments of Probation, Mental Health and the Community Services Agency.

In addition to the children placed in county and state licensed foster homes, approximately 213 children are placed with relatives. These are individuals who have extended their hearts and homes to care for children who, for a variety of reasons, cannot be with their parents or legal caretakers.

The Stanislaus County Community Services Agency and the Children's Services Advisory Committee are honoring the contribution of foster parents and relative care givers with a Foster Parent and Relative Care Provider Appreciation Picnic in August 2001. The resolution passed by the Board will be presented by the Agency to the President of the Foster Parent Association on behalf of the Foster Parents and a relative care provider at that time.

Again this year, The Community Services Agency, in collaboration with Probation and Mental Health departments, is planning a foster parent retreat day, to be held on May 31, 2001. The retreat will provide opportunities for foster parents and community providers to network, share ideas, and participate in team-building activities that will result in better services to children and families.

**POLICY
ISSUE:** Proclaiming May as Foster Care Awareness Month and a day in the month of August 2001 as Foster Parent and Relative Care Provider Appreciation Day honors the Foster Parents' and Relative Care Providers' contributions to the Board's priority of safe, healthy communities.

**STAFFING
IMPACT:** None.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Date: May 1, 2001

No. 2001-311

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and approved by the following vote,
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Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

PROCLAMATION
STANISLAUS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THE MONTH OF MAY AS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH
AND FOSTER PARENT AND RELATIVE CARE PROVIDER
APPRECIATION DAY IN AUGUST

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors is aware of the valuable service that the foster parents of this county give to physically and sexually abused, neglected and exploited foster children on a daily basis throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor all the foster families and relative care providers within the county for their consistent commitment to needy children; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the parenting skills as well as the knowledge base regarding foster children, which are necessary to succeed in foster parenting; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors desires to bring to the attention of all citizens the importance of a professional foster family service system that includes recruitment, screening, licensing, training, and a professional partnership with the Community Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the importance of community-wide support to continue this important part of the Child Welfare Services systems; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors joins with the California State Legislature and the Governor in commending foster parents and relative care providers for their service to children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, does hereby proclaim May 2001 as Stanislaus County Foster Care Awareness Month and a day in the month of August 2001 as Stanislaus County Foster Parent and Relative Care Provider Appreciation Day.

ATTEST: REAGAN M. WILSON, Clerk
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California,

Christine Ferraro

By: Deputy

File No.