



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

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA # \*A-2c

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE April 28, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Proclamation of the Month of May as Foster Care Awareness Month and May 19, 2009 as Foster Parent and Relative Care Provider Appreciation Day-Community Services Agency

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim the Month of May as Foster Care Awareness Month and May 19, 2009 as Foster Parent and Relative Care Provider Appreciation Day
2. Present a Resolution to the President of the Foster Parent Association and Relative Care Providers at the May 19, 2009 Board of Supervisor's Meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-259

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Grover  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

**DISCUSSION:**

Historically, 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 100 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 73 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 152 Stanislaus County dependent children, with Group Homes serving an additional 27 children. These services are supervised by the Departments of Probation, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and the Community Services Agency.

In addition to the children placed in county and state licensed foster homes, approximately 138 children are placed with relatives/non-related extended family members. 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 recognition event.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

Proclaiming May as Foster Care Awareness Month and May 19, 2009 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 ISSUE:**

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.

Proclamation of the Month of May as Foster Care Awareness Month and May 19, 2009 as Foster Parent and Relative Care Provider Appreciation Day

**Stanislaus County Board Of Supervisors  
Proclaiming the Month of May as Foster Care Awareness Month and  
May 19, 2009 as Foster Parent and  
Relative Care Provider  
Appreciation Day**

**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 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 children unable to remain in their own homes; 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 2009 as Stanislaus County Foster Care Awareness Month and May 19, 2009 as Stanislaus County Foster Parent and Relative Care Provider Appreciation Day.**