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

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA # *A-4f

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE April 28, 2015

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Proclamation of the Month of May 2015 as Foster Care Awareness Month

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim the Month of May 2015 as Foster Care Awareness Month

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2015-176

On motion of Supervisor De Martini, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, De Martini, and Chairman Withrow

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:

Christine Ferraro
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

ATTEST:

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 and relative/non-related extended care providers 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 106 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 83 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 237 Stanislaus County dependent children.

In addition to the children placed in county and state licensed foster homes, approximately 137 children are placed with relative/non-related extended care providers. 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 is honoring the contribution of foster parents and relative/non-related extended care providers with a Care Provider recognition and education event.

POLICY ISSUE:

Proclaiming May as Foster Care Awareness Month honors the Foster Parents', relative and non-related extended care providers' contributions to the Board's priority of A Safe and A Healthy Community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.

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**Stanislaus County Board Of Supervisors
Proclaiming the Month of May 2015 as Foster Care Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors is aware of the valuable service that the foster parents and relative/non-related extended care providers 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/non-related 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 relatives/non-related extended 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 2015 as Stanislaus County Foster Care Awareness Month.**