

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

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-4d

AGENDA DATE: April 26, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim May 2016 as Foster Care Awareness Month

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2016-200

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

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended


2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:


ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

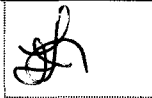
**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGENDA ITEM**

DEPT: Community Services Agency
Urgent Routine

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AGENDA DATE: April 26, 2016

CEO CONCURRENCE: *pkx*



4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim May 2016 as Foster Care Awareness Month

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim May 2016 as Foster Care Awareness Month.

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 89 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 72 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 258 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.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Governor and the California Legislature have historically proclaimed May as Foster Care Awareness Month.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 operating budget for the Community Services Agency includes \$18.3 million for the administration of and services connected to foster care. Federal and State revenue of \$5.1 million and 2011 Realignment revenue of \$5.2 million will offset the planned program expenditures. The County Match requirement of \$8 million will be funded with \$6.7 million of 1991 Realignment and \$1.3 million of General Fund. The Community Services

Proclaiming May 2016 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, in recognition that the Community Services Agency and all the Foster Care families and relative/non-related providers that help make Stanislaus County a better place for children and families, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, does hereby declare the month of May 2016 as **FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH** in Stanislaus County.