

*Before the Board of Supervisors
in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

RESOLUTION NO.:

Adopt a resolution proclaiming the Month of May 2025 as **National Foster Care Month in Monterey County** and endorsing the official theme, “**Engaging Youth. Building Supports. Strengthening Opportunities.**” This theme emphasizes the importance of creating a child welfare system that authentically engages and supports young people preparing to transition from foster care.

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month is observed each May to acknowledge the families, volunteers, mentors, child welfare professionals, and policymakers who support children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, as of 2024, over 391,000 children and youth are in foster care across the United States, including 140 in Monterey County, who require safe, stable, and nurturing environments to thrive; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme, “**Engaging Youth. Building Supports. Strengthening Opportunities,**” underscores the necessity of empowering youth by involving them in decisions about their lives, providing them with robust support systems, and creating opportunities that lead to successful transitions into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, County of Monterey Family and Children’s Services, in collaboration with local organizations and community members, is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of children and youth in foster care by promoting permanency, stability, and the development of lifelong connections; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors recognizes the invaluable contributions of resource families, relative caregivers, social workers, and advocates who work tirelessly to improve the lives of children and youth in the foster care system; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County of Monterey and all its citizens, hereby joins the **County of Monterey’s Family and Children’s Services** and the **Children’s Bureau** in recognizing **May 2025** as **National Foster Care Month**. The Board encourages all citizens to recognize the critical role of the foster care system and to support efforts that improve outcomes for children and youth in foster care.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of May 2025, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: