

Resolution nf The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County

Proclaiming November 2019 Adoption and Permanency Month In Ventura County

Whereas, nearly half a million incidents of child abuse and neglect are reported in California, and approximately 21,000 children enter foster care for the first time each year; and

Whereas, nearly 60,000 children in California live apart from their families in child welfare-supervised, out-of-home care; and

Whereas, forty (40) percent of the children in foster care in California have lived apart from their families for more than two years; and

Whereas, 3,300 foster children are placed in congregate care rather than with relatives or in a home-like setting; and

Whereas, the percentage of foster children over 10 years of age who exit foster care through adoption remains at only twenty-five (25) percent; and

Whereas, the Judicial Council of California is committed to working with the Governor, the Legislature, local courts and communities to ensure that every abused or neglected child finds a safe, stable, and permanent home with a loving family as quickly as possible; and

Whereas, the Ventura Superior Court will place a high priority on adoptions and permanency during the month of November by holding a special adoption ceremony on November 15, 2019, at the Juvenile Court.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in proclaiming November 2019 as "Adoption and Permanency Month in Ventura County."

Presented on this 22^{nd} day of October 2019

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

STEVE BENNETT, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT