RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PROCLAIMING MAY 2012 AS FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, all children in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a trustworthy and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster parents give generously of themselves as they strive to provide meaningful connections for children through guidance, compassion, hope, and love; and

WHEREAS, foster families extend support to both children and their birth parents by committing to permanency for children even as efforts proceed to safely reunite those children with their birth parents; and

WHEREAS, the generosity of foster parents’ opening their homes and hearts to help children whose families are in crisis plays a vital role in helping those families heal and reconnect; and

WHEREAS, in sharing the foundation of their family, foster parents serve the community in extending safe, stable, and loving homes that provide love and support to children in the development of their values, identity, and self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, foster parents deserve gratitude and respect for the work they do every day to ensure that children can move beyond detriment and toward fulfilling, productive lives; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara proclaim the month of May 2012 to be Foster Care Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Twenty-second day of May, Two Thousand and Twelve by unanimous vote.

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George Shirakawa, President
Board of Supervisors

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Mike Wasserman                  Dave Cortese
Supervisor, District One         Supervisor, District Three

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Ken Yeager                     Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District Four       Supervisor, District Five

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Attest: Lynn Regadanz
Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Approved as to form and legality

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Kristin Baker
Deputy County Counsel