

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

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-3

AGENDA DATE: November 1, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim the Month of November 2016 as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2016-543

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, 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

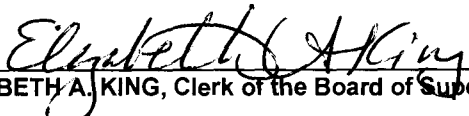
2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:


ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: *PMT*

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim the Month of November 2016 as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim the Month of November 2016 as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month.

DISCUSSION:

Each year, the month of November is celebrated as National Adoption Awareness Month. During this time, the State and its counties engage in activities to promote awareness of the need for adoptive and permanent homes for the youth in temporary living situations such as foster care. There are seven adoption agencies in Stanislaus County that place children in permanent homes, ASPIRAnet Foster & Adoption Services, Bethany Christian Services, Family Connections Christian Adoptions, Families First, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services, Koinonia Family Services and the Community Services Agency, Child and Family Services Division.

During Fiscal Year 2015-2016, one hundred eighteen (118) adoptions were finalized in our agency, a 36% increase from the previous fiscal year. This means that one hundred eighteen children who were unable to reunify with their biological parents have found permanency through adoption. The number of children formerly supervised by the agency and now being raised in adoptive homes continues to exceed the number of children currently residing in foster care.

CSA's vision is to continue to develop and provide the most comprehensive adoption program, which facilitates the utilization of supportive services during every aspect of the adoption process. Post Adoption Services are an important source of support to families once the adoption has been finalized. The past year's post adoption services have included:

Adoption Assistance Program

This program continually assesses families and implements federal grant funding that can provide financial assistance to adoptive families to meet the basic needs of the child, special needs assistance and medical.

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Wraparound Services

Through a private contract with ASPIRAnet, adoptive families are provided with intensive wraparound services to help maintain children in their home, whom otherwise would be placed in group home care.

Learning Library

The learning library maintained by Family Connections Christian Adoptions is a resource, which enables anyone in Stanislaus County an avenue to gain knowledge regarding adoption issues that impact individuals touched by adoption.

Web Page

The Stanislaus County adoption page is accessed through the Stanislaus County webpage. This evolving resource gives the viewer an overview of what adoption services our agency provides.

The agency is requesting that the Board of Supervisors proclaim November as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month in Stanislaus County. The resolution will be presented to various adoptive agencies that are headquartered in Stanislaus County.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Governor and the California Legislature have historically proclaimed November as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 operating budget for the Community Services Agency includes \$14.2 million for the administration of and services connected to Adoptions. Federal and State Adoptions revenue of \$6.8 million and 2011 Realignment revenue of \$5.7 million will offset the planned program expenditures. The County Match requirement of \$1.7 million will be funded with \$1.5 million of 1991 Realignment and \$0.2 million of County General Fund. The Community Services Agency 2016-2017 Final budget includes sufficient appropriations and estimated revenue to support the current year program activities.

There is no additional cost to the General Fund associated with this agenda item.

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Cost of recommended action:

Source(s) of Funding:

Federal and State Adoptions Funding	6,776,011	
2011 Realignment Funding	5,703,523	
1991 Realignment Funding	1,536,400	
CSA Existing County Match	232,386	
Funding Total:		<u>\$ 14,248,320</u>
Net Cost to County General Fund		<u>\$ -</u>

Fiscal Year:

2016/2017
NO

Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed:

Fund Balance as of

N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

Approval of this request to proclaim November as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month in Stanislaus County supports the Board of Supervisors' priority of A Healthy Community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.

CONTACT PERSON:

Kathryn M. Harwell, Director (209) 558-2500

ATTACHMENT(S):

Proclamation

ATTACHMENT

November 2016 as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors recognizes the essential value of belonging to a secure, loving, permanent family as every child's basic right; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors recognizes the outstanding work of Stanislaus County Community Services Agency Social Service Staff who placed one hundred eighteen children in adoptive homes during the last fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize all private adoption agencies within Stanislaus County committed to finding permanent safe, loving homes for children in need; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor the dedicated families who have opened their hearts and their homes to provide love and support for many of our children in need; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to commend the network of committed social workers, community service providers and county agencies for their dedication and support of the families and the adopted children in their homes; and

WHEREAS, Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month gives our community a chance to honor the dedicated relatives, foster families, other adoptive families, social workers, public and private adoption services and community partners who have worked together to ensure a better life for many of our county's children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, does hereby declare the month of November 2016 as **ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY AWARENESS MONTH** in Stanislaus County in recognition that the Community Services Agency and the local private adoption agencies help make the County of Stanislaus a healthier place for children and families.