

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

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA:6.A.5  
AGENDA DATE: October 30, 2018

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Proclaim the Month of November 2018 as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0519**

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

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini \_\_\_\_\_

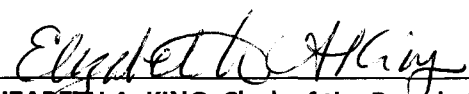
Noes: Supervisors: None \_\_\_\_\_

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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CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Proclaim the Month of November 2018 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, Uplift Family Services, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services, Koinonia Family Services and the Community Services Agency, Child and Family Services Division.

During the Fiscal Year 2017-2018, 96 adoptions were finalized in the Community Services Agency. This means that 96 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.

Community Services Agency's (CSA) vision is 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.

**Wraparound Services**

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

## **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 CSA provides.

## **Adoptive Parents Night Out**

Stanislaus County hosts an Adoption Awareness Dinner for adoptive parents during the month of November. A guest speaker presents on a topic that is relevant to adoptive families. This adult dinner allows for adoptive parents to mingle with other adoptive parents and to build their network of resources.

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 2018-2019 operating budget for the Community Services Agency includes \$14.4 million for the administration and services connected to Adoptions. Federal and State Adoptions revenue of \$6.2 million, Realignment revenue of \$7.8 million, and existing county match of \$0.4 million will offset the planned program expenditures. The Community Services Agency 2018-2019 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.

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:**

The recommended actions are consistent with the Boards' priority of *Supporting Community Health* by proclaiming November as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month in Stanislaus County.

### **STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.

### **CONTACT PERSON:**

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

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Proclamation

**Proclaiming November 2018 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 96 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, resource 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 Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, does hereby declare the month of November 2018 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.