

A Tradition of Stewardship A Commitment to Service

## THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS**, there are nearly 150 children in Napa County whose birth parents are not available or able to care for them, resulting in their being placed in foster care with loving Napa County foster or kinship families; and

WHEREAS, Napa County foster and kinship families are conscientious, compassionate, resourceful and supportive when caring for the children placed with them; and

WHEREAS, Napa County foster and kinship families meet the needs of foster children by working as a respected part of a team which includes child welfare workers, probation officers, court appointed special representatives, schools, health and mental health staff as well as other community agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Napa County recognizes the devotion, dedication and selflessness of our foster parents and kin caregivers and the vital role they play in meeting the needs of our most vulnerable children for safety, permanency and well-being; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Dodd, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, proclaim the month of May 2011 as Foster Parent & Kin Caregiver Appreciation Month and May 14, 2011, as Foster Parent & Kin Caregiver Appreciation Day and encourage the citizens of Napa County to take a moment to recognize and support the commitment made by those who give of themselves to care for the foster children of Napa County.