



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for HOWARD HIMES - Director
Health & Human Services Administration
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Manager - 253-4720
SUBJECT: National Adoption Awareness Month

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a proclamation to Debbie White, Social Worker Supervisor, Child Welfare Services, declaring November 2015 as "National Adoption Awareness Month" in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year, November is recognized as National Adoption Awareness Month. The purpose of National Adoption Awareness Month is to spread awareness about the children in foster care and their need for loving, permanent families.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Nationwide, November is annually recognized as Adoption Awareness Month. While all adoption related issues are important, the focus for this year's campaign is on children who may be more challenging to place due to their age, ethnicity, or because they are part of a sibling group.

HSA collaborates with Lilliput Children's Services and Aldea Children and Family Services to provide adoption related services to families throughout Napa County. Since its inception, Napa County has finalized 66 adoptions with several more waiting to reach finalization.

The need to raise community awareness around public adoption services is one of the responsibilities of operating an adoption program. Public awareness assists HSA in recruiting safe and loving permanent homes for foster children. Proclaiming November as National Adoption Awareness Month in Napa County is the first step in supporting that effort.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi