



**Yolo County Board of Education
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**

**Resolution #21-22/52
In Support of National Foster Care Month (May 2022)**

WHEREAS, the youth of Yolo County are our most precious resource and hope for the future, all children deserve a safe, loving and nurturing place to call home; and

WHEREAS, Resource Families (including foster, adoptive and kinship families) are the unsung heroes that serve as the primary source of love, protection, and support to the abused and neglected children of Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, Resource Families who open their hearts and homes to children whose families are in crisis play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, a child's success is best supported in a system that is family-focused, child-centered, and community-based; and

WHEREAS, there are 442 children and youth in the foster care system in Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, Resource Families provide Yolo's children with the opportunity to be part of a caring family; and

WHEREAS, this year the theme for National Foster Care Month is "Relative and Kin Connections: Keeping Families Strong" speaks to the positive impact relative and fictive kin have during the journey to permanency; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the relatives, Non-Relative Extended Family Members, Resource Families, community members, and social workers who support children and youth in foster care; and to continue our efforts in ensuring the futures of children and youth in foster care remain bright; and

WHEREAS, much remains to be done to ensure that all children have a safe, loving, nurturing, and permanent family, regardless of age or special needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools hereby declare support of the month of May 2022 as National Foster Care Month and encourages all in Yolo County to honor the commitment and dedication of the individuals who work tirelessly to provide assistance, education and services to children in the foster care system.

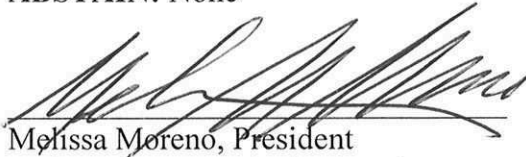
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Education on May 10, 2022.

AYES: Esquivel, Moreno, Souza Cole, Yip, Zendejas

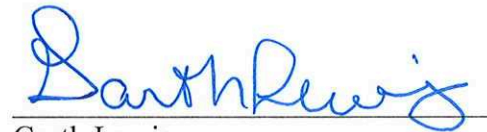
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Melissa Moreno, President
Yolo County Board of Education



Garth Lewis
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools