

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION #2017-6**

Resolution Endorsing May 2017 as Foster Care Month

WHEREAS, over 450,000 children and youth live in foster care in the United States of America, and children and youth in foster care are society's most vulnerable children who have been abused and/or neglected;

WHEREAS, San Diego County is home to nearly 4,000 children and youth in foster care, with nearly 3000 being school age;

WHEREAS, Student Services and Programs Division, Student Support Services Unit provides support to at risk students in a variety of settings focused on improving their well-being and education outcomes;

WHEREAS students in foster care are called out as a subgroup under The Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan due to being the lowest achieving group of students in California;

WHEREAS students in foster care are called out as a subgroup within the Every Student Succeeds Act in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act;

WHEREAS, Foster Youth Services Programs exist to mitigate the trauma students in foster care have experienced and enable them to be successful academically;

WHEREAS, Organizations Nationwide have declared May as Foster Care Month to increase awareness of the urgent needs of children and youth in foster care;

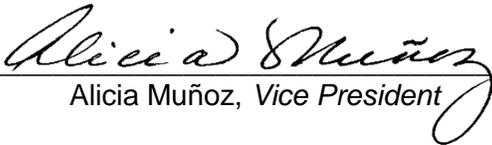
WHEREAS, San Diego County Office of Education will demonstrate its commitment to improving the educational outcomes of children and youth in foster care by supporting National Foster Care Month events throughout San Diego County during the month of May 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego County Board of Education, hereby declares May 2017 as National Foster Care Month and hereby requests that elected officials in the County of San Diego and all of its citizens recognize the unique needs of children and youth in foster care and increase both the awareness of the issue and their commitment to helping these young people succeed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of April 2017, at the regular meeting of the San Diego County Board of Education.

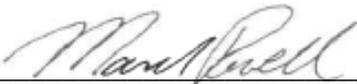
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