

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
FAMILY REUNIFICATION DAY
MAY 16, 2017

WHEREAS, for children in foster care, reunification with their families is the preferred outcome and best option for a permanent and loving home; and

WHEREAS, every year hundreds of thousands of children are successfully reunified with their families nationally; and

WHEREAS, all children need the care, love, security and stability of family unity along with parents, siblings, grandparents and extended family members to provide a solid foundation for personal growth, development, and maturity; and

WHEREAS, reunification takes work, commitment and investment of time and resources by parents, family members, social workers, foster parents, service providers, attorneys, courts, and communities; and

WHEREAS, 2010 marked the first "National Reunification Day" designated to celebrate families and communities coming together to acknowledge the effort it takes to reunify a family and to raise awareness about the importance of family reunification for children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, through collaboration between Superior Court, the Department of Health and Human Services - Children and Family Services, Dependency Legal Services, Wasacz Hilley & Fullerton LLP, Marin Court Appointed Special Advocates and Marin County Counsel, the County of Marin will celebrate its 2nd Family Reunification Day to acknowledge the unique efforts of families and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims May 16th, 2017 as "Family Reunification Day."

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this 16th day of May, 2017.

JUDY ARNOLD -- SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5 - PRESIDENT

