

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18-84
NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH - MAY 2018**

WHEREAS, childhood is a time for children to develop and learn in a nurturing, safe and permanent home, sadly there are more than half a million children in the United States, more than thirty thousand children in the State of California, and over 700 in the Moreno Valley Unified School District who are unable to remain at home through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, safe places to live and emotional support are provided for many of these troubled children through Foster Care programs across America, in California, and in Riverside County, and

WHEREAS, many extraordinary people give generously of their time, their homes, their resources, and their love to provide a haven for foster where they can feel safe and valued, and

WHEREAS, as only 45% of youth in foster care graduate from high school, we recognize and commend the Guardian Scholars Program at the Moreno Valley and Riverside Community Colleges for their dedication and outreach to those students to ensure them a college education and successful futures, and

WHEREAS, as the Moreno Valley Unified School District enrolls approximately 700 foster students at any given time we commend the efforts of the Foster Care Liaison, Beth Bartholomew, and her tireless efforts to ensure that each school site has a Foster Care Counselor to oversee the needs of those students, her collaborations with the County Social Workers at DPSS and CPS, the Guardian Scholars Program, Motivational Speaker Dee Hankins, and as the initiator of the Foster Youth Summit, the Holiday Feast, and Senior Send Off, all created to give Foster Students a voice, a Celebration, and recognition for what they have accomplished.

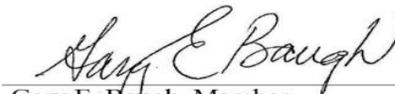
WHEREAS, during National Foster Care Month, we recognize the devotion, caring, and selflessness of foster parents, faith-based and community organizations, advocacy groups, mentors, and tutors who strive to ensure that these children receive rich opportunities and the support they need to reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Moreno Valley Unified School District Board of Education hereby extends its support for **NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH MAY 2018** and urge all Schools, Centers, Departments and the entire community to make this a time to recognize and celebrate those who make a difference in the lives of children in Foster Care Programs.

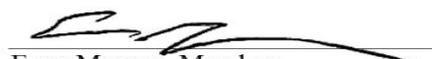
Given at Moreno Valley, California, this 8th day of May 2018




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