

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA



ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH RESOLUTION

Whereas consistent with its commitment to improving the lives of children and their families, the Judicial Council has annually recognized November as Court Adoption and Permanency Month since 1999; and

Whereas each year in California, there are more than 580,000 reports of child abuse and neglect, approximately 32,000 children enter foster care, and almost 124,000 children have active child welfare cases; and

Whereas almost 98,000 children in California are living apart from their families in out-of-home care; and

Whereas 15 percent of the children who enter foster care in California remain away from their families in out-of-home care after four years; and

Whereas of the more than 35,900 children exiting foster care between July 2002 and June 2003, 52 percent were reunited with their families and 20 percent were adopted; and

Whereas the Judicial Council is committed to working with the Governor, the Legislature, and local courts and communities to bring about permanency for children in the abuse and neglect system; and

Whereas local courts and communities throughout California have created programs promoting adoption and permanency that have resulted in a decrease in the number of children waiting for permanent and safe homes;

Now, therefore, I, Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California, on behalf of the Judicial Council of California, do hereby proclaim November to be "Court Adoption and Permanency Month," during which the courts and their local communities are encouraged to join together in activities to expedite permanency.

In witness whereof

I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of October 2004.

RONALD M. GEORGE
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council of California

Attest:

WILLIAM C. VICKREY
Secretary, Judicial Council of California