

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA



RESOLUTION

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

Whereas nearly half a million incidents of child abuse and neglect are reported each year in California, and more than 22,000 children enter foster care;

Whereas nearly 60,000 children in California live apart from their families in child welfare-supervised out-of-home care;

Whereas nearly 45 percent of the children in foster care in California have been away from their families for two or more years;

Whereas, of the 33,350 California children who left foster care in 2009, 52.5 percent were reunited with their families, 22.5 percent were adopted, and 14 percent were emancipated;

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

Whereas the Judicial Council is committed to working with the Governor, the Legislature, and local courts and communities to achieve permanency for children who have been abused or neglected; and

Whereas, on recognizing that courts and their partner agencies could promote safety, permanency, and well-being for California's children and families by locating and notifying the relatives of children placed in out-of-home care, the Judicial Council in 2009 sponsored Assembly Bill 938;

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 communities are encouraged to join in activities to promote permanency.

In witness whereof

I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of October, 2010

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

Attest:

WILLIAM C. VICKREY
Administrative Director of the Courts