

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA



RESOLUTION

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

Whereas each year in California nearly 485,000 reports of child abuse and neglect are made and some 26,000 children enter foster care;

Whereas about 77,000 children in California live apart from their families in child welfare supervised out-of-home care;

Whereas nearly half of the children in foster care in California have been away from their families in out-of-home care for two or more years;

Whereas, of the nearly 36,000 children leaving foster care between July 2005 and June 2006, 55 percent were reunited with their families, 20 percent were adopted, and 12 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 the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care was appointed by the Judicial Council in recognition that the courts and their partners can improve safety, permanency, well-being, and fairness outcomes for children and families;

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 in activities to expedite permanency.

In witness whereof

I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of October, 2007.

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

Attest:

WILLIAM C. VICKREY
Secretary, Judicial Council of California, and
Administrative Director of the Courts

