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Proclaiming June 2026 as Family Reunification Month

This June, Los Angeles County joins communities nationwide celebrating *Family Reunification Month*, honoring the thousands of families who have successfully reunited with their children. These families exemplify strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment as they navigate challenges and work toward healing together. Their achievements are made possible through the dedicated efforts of Children’s Social Workers, Parents in Partnership (PIP), attorneys, service providers, caregivers, community-based organizations, and numerous partners who collaborate with each other and families every day to support reunification.

The Board of Supervisors has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to strengthening families and ensuring equitable access to court ordered services necessary for reunification. On September 26, 2023, the Board adopted the motion, “Mitigating Financial Barriers to Family Reunification in Los Angeles County,” recognizing that parents’ inability to afford required services can result in unjust delays or prevent children from returning home. Subsequently, on July 23, 2024, the Board adopted the motion, “Moving Forward: Removal of Barriers to Family Reunification in Los Angeles County and Providing Family Reunification and Maintenance Services and

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Programs in the Los Angeles County Jails for Incarcerated Parents.” This motion expanded the County’s approach by streamlining access to services, improving Medi-Cal utilization, supporting incarcerated parents, and strengthening cross system coordination to ensure families can more easily access the services they need.

These local initiatives align with Assembly Bill (AB) 954, which took effect on January 1, 2024. This law reinforces a compassionate and equitable approach by requiring dependency courts to consider whether a parent or guardian can afford court-ordered services. It recognizes that parents with court-appointed counsel are unable to pay, and prohibits courts from finding a parent non-compliant due to financial hardship or lack of accessible services. AB 954 places the responsibility on the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to connect families with low- to no-cost services or cover costs when no free option is available. The law affirms that each parent deserves a fair opportunity to reunite with their child — ensuring that poverty is never a barrier to reunification.

Los Angeles County continues to strengthen its family-centered approach, reduce inequities, and advance safe, timely reunification for children and their families.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Declare June 2026 as “Family Reunification Month” in Los Angeles County;
2. Recognize and commend the parents across Los Angeles County who have successfully reunited with their children, as well as the caregivers, social workers, PIPs, legal advocates, community-based organizations, and County

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departments whose collective efforts make safe and successful reunification possible; and

3. Reaffirm the County's commitment to removing financial, systemic, and access-related barriers to reunification, including continued implementation of AB 954 and advancement of prior Board directives aimed at expanding no- and low-cost service availability, strengthening cross-department collaboration, developing digital service-navigation tools, and improving supports for incarcerated parents seeking reunification.

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