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DATE: May 7, 2024 (Item No.)
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Daniel Little, Director, Social Services Agency
SUBJECT: Family Reunification Day Commendations

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Commendations for honorees of Family Reunification Day for their success in reuniting families and providing support to help parents overcome challenges to reunite with their children. (Social Services Agency)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications associated with receiving this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND BACKGROUND

The Social Services Agency (SSA), Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) honors remarkable families who overcame hardships to reunify with their children and through the process created stronger and healthier families. Family Reunification Day celebrates families and communities by coming together to raise awareness about the importance of reunification for children and families in the County's child welfare system. Strategies for reunification include building on family strengths, family engagement, maintaining family and cultural connections, and connecting families to family-centered services within their community.

On June 14, 2024, Family Reunification Day in Santa Clara County, the County of Santa Clara (County) will celebrate parents whom, through strength, perseverance, and love, reunited with their children and are raising them in healthy and nurturing homes. This celebration also recognizes partners in the child welfare system who play key roles in helping to strengthen and reunite families.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action will have a positive impact on children and youth and their families through the **Safe and Stable Families** indicator by bringing awareness of child abuse and prevention to the community and of the importance of family reunification for children in the County's care.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on seniors.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The report will not be received.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval of the commendations, please provide DFCS framed copies of the commendations no later than June 7, 2024. Please notify Brian Hawkinson at SSA once the commendations are available. DFCS will present the framed commendations to the honorees at a special Family Reunification Day event on June 14, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Family Reunification Day Commendations