

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

_____ day _____, 2013

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, fifteen years ago this month, voters in California affirmed their support for guaranteed funding dedicated to the state's youngest children and passed Proposition 10, the California Children and Families Act; and

WHEREAS, the statewide program is now known as First 5 to emphasize the tremendous importance of the first five years of a child's life, when 90% of brain development occurs; and

WHEREAS, First 5 Commissions across the state are charged with responding to local needs and investing in local solutions to improve the lives of young children prenatal through age 5; and

WHEREAS, the value of early childhood investments has been well-documented for individuals and for society in the form of better health outcomes, higher economic productivity, and reduced spending on foster care, special education, and crime; and

WHEREAS, over the last 15 years, First 5 San Luis Obispo County has invested more than \$24 million to create effective and essential services that help San Luis Obispo County's youngest residents grow up healthy, nurtured, and ready for school; and

WHEREAS, First 5 investments have provided high-quality preschool for low-income children, vision screening, breastfeeding support, stop smoking services, and children's health insurance, and have improved the quality of child care for county children, strengthened at-risk families by supporting, substance abuse and mental health services; family literacy programs; and family advocate services, supported child developmental screening programs, and supported programs to improve children's oral health, and

WHEREAS, First 5 SLO County developed the Children's Bill of Rights for San Luis Obispo County as an aspiration; and

WHEREAS, this unprecedented investment in California's youngest children – and in its future – has made First 5 the most significant and effective funder of early childhood development programs in the state. But with one in four California children living in poverty, there is still much work to do.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby recognize the 15th

anniversary of the California Children and Families Act and commends the San Luis Obispo County First 5 Commission and their partners in their efforts to provide our children with solid foundations and strong futures and to create a community where all children enter kindergarten healthy and ready to learn to their highest potential and have every opportunity to thrive.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisor

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk