

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

_____ day _____, 2015

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRANSITIONAL
AGE YOUTH-FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE PROGRAM'S
EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE FOSTER YOUTH OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, In July 2010, the County of San Luis Obispo's Department of Social Services and Family Care Network, Inc. partnered together to provide greater support to current and former foster youth in their pursuit of higher education and/or vocational training through the development and implementation of the Transitional Age Youth-Financial Assistance Program (TAY-FAP), recognizing that current and former foster youth face many life-altering obstacles which they must overcome to pursue and achieve their higher education goals. Through TAY-FAP, DSS and FCNI work collaboratively to provide youth with the case management support and financial assistance they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Since TAY-FAP's implementation five years ago, the program has served 169 youth with the following services: case management support helping youth identify and set obtainable goals and a pathway to achieve them; matching youth with affordable housing and meeting their transportation needs; providing them with necessary school supplies, textbooks, lab fees and/or meeting other school-related expenses; helping them to meet urgent, essential or emergency-related needs; and providing youth with a savings match of up to \$100 per month that is made payable when they exit TAY-FAP to help them secure permanency post-program; and

WHEREAS, over the last five years, TAY-FAP has celebrated 21 documented graduations—six of these students having earned their Associate Degrees before transferring to a four-year University; 12 of these students having earned a vocational certification/degree; and the remaining three students having earned their Bachelor's Degree from a four-year University with one of them continuing on to Graduate School. To date, there are another 69 students currently enrolled in academic programs while being served through TAY-FAP, each working to fulfill their dreams of higher education; and

WHEREAS, five TAY-FAP students over the last five years were also young parents who required additional support as they faced increased obstacles in their efforts to achieve their life goals. Through TAY-FAP, these young parents received help in meeting their basic and educational needs, enabling them to focus on caring for their children and achieving their academic goals, thus greatly increasing their ability to succeed and provide for their families; and

WHEREAS, through the partnership between DSS and FCNI, 169 foster youths' lives have been greatly enhanced by TAY-FAP; matching youth with the necessary

encouragement and resources they need to reach their academic and career goals. TAY-FAP further exemplifies our County's commitment to not only meet the needs of our children and youth, but to also support them in turning their dreams into reality. Thank you, TAY-FAP, for removing financial barriers and instilling hope in our County's foster youth. We celebrate your five years of service and the look forward to seeing how your program will continue to positively impact the future of our County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of San Luis Obispo, Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby recognize TAY-FAP for its exemplary service to foster youth pursuing higher education.

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.

ATTEST:

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk