

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART, INC.**

Live Well San Diego Partnership

A regular meeting of the Straight from the Heart, Inc. Board of Directors was held on June 10, 2015 where a quorum of the Board was present and the following resolution was passed and adopted:

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego launched *Live Well San Diego* to serve as the blueprint for achieving the County's vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, in July 2010, October 2012 and October 2014, the San Diego Board of Supervisors adopted the Building Better Health, Living Safely and Thriving strategies, the three components of *Live Well San Diego*, encouraging all residents of the county to participate in programs to build better health, increase safety and quality of life for individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, *Live Well San Diego* is a common thread that unites cities, businesses, public and private entities, community members and other stakeholders toward a shared vision of healthier, safer and more thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, it is known that there are over 1,200 foster families serving over 2,700 youth in out-of-home care within the County of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the unique needs of those caring for abused and neglected children, Straight from the Heart, Inc., a non-profit resource center, was formed on April 1, 1998 to support foster, adoptive and kinship children and their caregivers in North San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, Straight from the Heart, Inc. serves as an advocate for relevant policy change and provides expert support in clarifying and implementing new laws and resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Straight from the Heart, Inc. is committed to linking families with affordable legal, behavioral health and medical resources within the community and when a need is identified, establishes community partnerships to institute ongoing, accessible, affordable programs; and

WHEREAS, the Straight from the Heart Resource Center is home to a training facility that hosts workshops, trainings, support groups and specialty classes; and

WHEREAS, Straight from the Heart, Inc. works to help families maximize their foster, adoptive and kinship care experiences by providing targeted support and mentoring related to successfully navigating and working within the Child Welfare System; and

WHEREAS, Straight from the Heart, Inc. has established partnerships with local organizations committed to supporting this community allowing them to receive and distribute thousands of dollars in donated goods including gift cards, toys, diapers, car seats, new clothing, and school supplies. In 2014 alone, Straight from the Heart, Inc. distributed over \$100,000 worth of goods to foster children; and

WHEREAS, Straight from the Heart, Inc. operates a unique resale store that provides low cost clothing and merchandise for all foster and kinship children; and

WHEREAS, Straight from the Heart, Inc. has a substantial email list for use in communicating opportunities and resources with local foster, adoptive and kinship families; and

WHEREAS, Straight from the Heart, Inc. is an all-volunteer run organization encouraging civic engagement, on-going community support, and a safe space for children and families to connect and share experiences, creating a unique, supportive community; and

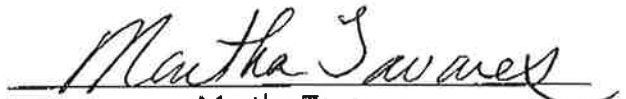
WHEREAS, Straight from the Heart, Inc. will continue to collaborate and share information with the County of San Diego and its partners in support of the *Live Well San Diego* vision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Straight from the Heart, Inc. supports and approves Straight from the Heart, Inc.'s participation as a partner in the County of San Diego's *Live Well San Diego* initiative.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the 10th day of June, 2015 by the Board of Directors of Straight from the Heart, Inc.



Patricia L. Boles
Executive Director
Straight from the Heart, Inc.



Martha Tavares
Board Member
Straight from the Heart, Inc.
