

October 27, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 4 THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 2026 AS
“THE 39TH ANNIVERSARY HOLIDAY COTTAGE DAYS IN KERN COUNTY”
(Fiscal Impact: None)**

Since 1987, Kern County Human Services has recognized the unique needs of children in foster care, particularly during the holiday season. Over the past 38 years, with the support of our generous community, thousands of foster children have received gifts through the Holiday Cottage.

Children enter foster care through no fault of their own, often as a result of abuse or neglect. They range in age from newborns to 21 years and include siblings and children with physical, mental, or emotional challenges, many of whom have experienced trauma. This year, over 900 children in Kern County’s foster care system have received wish letters, and we are already collecting their holiday wishes.

On November 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., we will kick off our 39th Anniversary celebration with a press conference at our Southwest office, located at 3043 Wilson Road, Bakersfield, CA 93304. We invite you to join us in helping make a child’s holiday wish come true.

This year, community members can participate in two ways: by visiting our live space, or selecting a child’s wish online at www.kernholidaycottage.com. All gifts will be distributed by mid-December.

We look forward to another successful year of making the holidays brighter for children in foster care and showing them that their community cares.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board proclaim November 4 – December 6, 2026, as “The 39th Anniversary Holiday Cottage Days in Kern County,” and make presentation.

Sincerely,



Lito Morillo
Director

cc: CAO