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Honorable Ken Cooley California State Assembly Capitol Building, Room 3013 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 237 (COOLEY) - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports ACR 237.**

This measure would declare the month of May 2018 as Foster Care Month. There are currently 62,644 California children and youth in foster care, with nearly half of whom require special education and physical and behavioral health related services to succeed in school. DRC is committed to ensuring that the needs of children in foster care are met and that services are provided to help launch youth touched by the child welfare system into successful adulthood.

For these reasons, DRC supports this resolution. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Amanda Kirchner, Legislative Director, Office of Assembly Member Cooley