

WHEREAS, children are key to our community's future success, prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, children have a right to thrive, learn and grow in a safe and loving environment; and

WHEREAS, foster parents, including kinship caregivers, provide the love, safety and stability that children need in order to overcome past traumatic experiences in order to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, _____(county/state/agency name) foster parents are caring for and nurturing more than [#] children and youth in foster care today; and

WHEREAS, _____(county/state/agency name) foster parents are helping birth families heal thrive so children can be safely reunified; and

WHEREAS, _____(county/state/agency name) foster parents help children transition from foster care to permanent homes through adoption or guardianship; and

WHEREAS, we must come together as a community to recognize the important role foster parents play in caring for children who have experienced abuse and neglect, supporting family reunification and building strong communities; and

WHEREAS, there is always a need for more foster parents in order to ensure children – especially older youth, children with complex needs, and siblings – have a safe, stable home in their community; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, nonprofit organizations and public servants who are dedicated to raising awareness about the needs of children and youth in foster care and

WHEREAS, through partnerships with families, child welfare staff, and public and private agencies, there is a collaborative effort to ensure that children are supported and successful;

WHEREAS, _____(county/state/agency name) joins the nation in specifically recognizing May 31 as National Foster Parent Day, in honor of the foster parents who act as true champions for the children in their care and are helping to ensure their brightest possible futures.

Therefore May 2018 is recognized as Foster Care Month and further recognize May 31stas National Foster Parent Day in _____(county/state/agency name)