**Proclamation**

“FOSTER CARE MONTH”

May 2018

*Whereas,* children are key to Colorado’s future success, prosperity and quality of life; and

*Whereas,* children have a right to thrive, learn and grow; and

*Whereas,* foster parents provide the care, safety and stability for children and teens in foster care whose parents need time to learn new skills to become the parents their kids need them to be; and

*Whereas,* Colorado foster parents are caring for more than 2,000 children and youth in foster care today; and

*Whereas,* Colorado is experiencing a shortage of foster families and is in need of families willing to care for teens, children with complex behavioral and mental health needs, and siblings; and

*Whereas,* we must 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,* we all play a role in ensuring Colorado’s children are healthy and safe, and are able to reach their full potential; and

*Whereas,* we all play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect; and

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved,* that the Board of County Commissioners, County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims May 2018 as Foster Care Month in Adams County.

*In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed May 8, 2018.*