

Proclamation

“Foster Care Month”

May 2024

Whereas, Foster Care Awareness Month is celebrated nationally to raise awareness about foster care, to highlight that foster care is a means of support to families and not a substitute for parents, and to encourage more community involvement as foster families, volunteers, or mentors; and,

Whereas, childhood is a time of laughter and play, it is a time of curiosity and wonder; it is a time for making friends, learning, and exploring the world around them. Children who feel safe, secure, and loved can grow strong and confident. But for almost 4,500 of Colorado’s children, this image of a happy childhood does not exist. These children’s experience is often of sadness and pain, fear, and loss. It is separation from family, friends, community, and sometimes their pets. They cannot remain with their birth families through no fault of their own. These children need temporary families who help them feel safe and secure, a place to heal from the trauma they have experienced; and,

Whereas, in 1988, May was declared Foster Care Month to raise awareness of foster care and celebrate and honor foster families and the foster care community; and,

Whereas, Foster parents play a unique role with birth families. They fill in to support Adams County birth families who need time to overcome challenges and time to be whole again; and,

Whereas, We want to thank and highlight the large and diverse community of nonprofit organizations, businesses, civic groups, public servants, and individuals who are committed to the cause of caring for and raising awareness of the needs of children and youth in foster care; and,

Whereas, The Adams County Human Services Agency understands that children are the key to Colorado’s future success and prosperity; and,

Whereas, Colorado is experiencing a shortage of foster families. Colorado needs more families willing to provide care for children and youth with complex behavioral and mental health needs so that they can live in family settings and not congregate care settings, and to provide care for sibling groups, so they can remain together as they move through this challenging time in their life; and,

Whereas, Adams County has many wonderful foster families, but we still need more, and there is no better month to begin the process of becoming a foster parent than May, National Foster Care Month; and,

Whereas, the Adams County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the vital role foster parents play in the lives of children and youth in foster care; and the roles case workers and the community play in shaping the lives of children and youth in foster care.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims May 2024 as

“Foster Care Month.”

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed May 7, 2024.