



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-30

Foster Care Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Foster Care serves as a temporary living arrangement for children who cannot remain at home due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment and is meant to provide short-term intensive work with families, to resolve and remedy parenting issues and existing family dysfunction with the support of community service providers; and

WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care serves as the avenue for Foster Parents to play an integral role in advancing the well-being of each youth placed in their care to unleash their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care encourages protecting and nurturing youth, meeting youth's developmental needs and addressing developmental delays among youth who cannot remain with their families or need special care; and

WHEREAS, Foster, adoptive and kinship parents provide Charles County's children with the opportunity to be part of a caring family and help them reconnect with their families through reunification, permanent placement with relatives, or preparation for adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Foster Care "system" is only as good as those who choose to be part of it in Charles County.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as **Foster Care Awareness Month** in Charles County, and call upon all residents to take time to recognize and appreciate the important role that Foster Care plays in the welfare and development of children by joining the Charles County Department of Social Services in honoring Foster Parents.



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