



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2021-34

Resource Parents Celebration Day

WHEREAS, the Charles County Department of Social Services recognizes that the recruitment and retention of Resource Parents and their families is a critical step in moving children out of foster care towards permanency; and

WHEREAS, to promote reunification, the Charles County Department of Social Services recognizes the importance of empowering Resource Parents to offer children and youth in foster care the opportunity to have stable loving homes whether temporary or permanent; and

WHEREAS, there is a continued need for Resource Parents to open their hearts and homes to children, youth and families who are in crisis to help them reconnect and heal; and

WHEREAS, Resource Parents meet the needs of children and youth in foster care by encouraging them to participate in appropriate social and educational activities and by assisting them with the developmental skills necessary to allow them to grow as individuals; and

WHEREAS, Resource Parents improve the well-being of children and youth in foster care through advocacy and at times assisting with a successful transition into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Resource Parents, with support and compassion, promote permanency for children and youth by working with birthparents and their extended families to ensure children maintain long lasting connections in Charles County; and

WHEREAS, we honor Resource Parents and their ongoing efforts with community partners to promote safety, permanency and well-being for Charles County's children and youth in foster care.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, proclaim May 21, 2021 as **Resource Parents Celebration Day** in Charles County and urge all residents to recognize the important service provided by Resource Parents.

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