



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2024-31

### *Foster Care Awareness Month & Resource Parent Appreciation Day*

**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

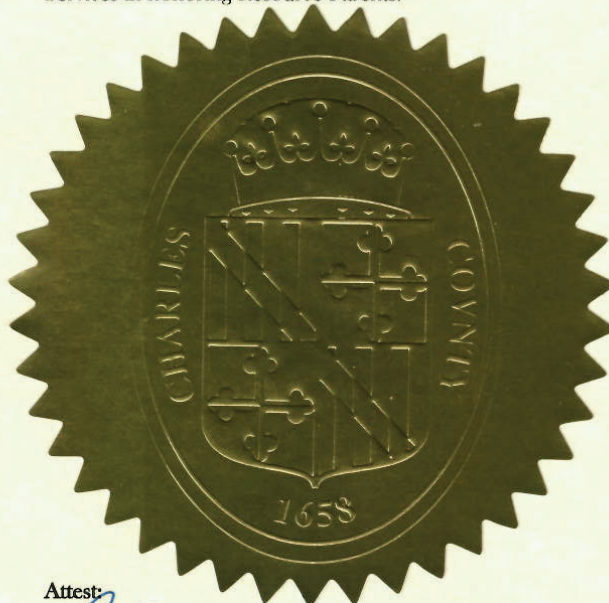
**WHEREAS**, Foster Care serves as the avenue for Resource Parents to play an integral role in advancing the well-being of each youth placed in their care to unleash their full potential; and

**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**, Resource 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 Program is only as good as those who choose to be part of it in Charles County. 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**, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as **Foster Care Awareness Month** and May 15, 2024 as **Resource Parent Appreciation Day** 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 Resource Parents.



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