

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING MAY 2020 AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the growth and development of children is of the utmost importance and every child deserves a safe, loving and stable home with a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their life; and

WHEREAS, foster and kinship families play an important role in making sure children and adolescents, who are not able to remain with their birth parents, are able to grow and develop in a safe, stable and nurturing environment until they can be reunified with their families or achieve permanency; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County has more than 200 children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County is experiencing a shortage of local foster families, even more so during the COVID-19 pandemic, and is in need of families willing to care for teens, children with complex behavioral and mental health needs, and siblings; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Awareness Month is celebrated nationally to raise awareness of the need for and value of foster care as a temporary, last resort service that provides help, safety, healing and hope to children and adolescents and their families; and

WHEREAS, during National Foster Care Awareness Month, we celebrate all those who have invited a child in need into their hearts and homes, and express our profound appreciation for all who help ensure the safety, permanency and well-being of children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims May, 2020, as:

“Foster Care Awareness Month in Mendocino County”

Dated: May 5, 2020

John Haschak, Chair