

# PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## RECOGNIZING MAY 2021 AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, the youth of Mendocino County are our most precious resource and hope for the future, and all children deserve a safe, loving, and nurturing place to call home; and

WHEREAS, Resource 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 over 200 children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County is experiencing a shortage of local resource families, even more so during the COVID-19 pandemic, and is in need of families willing to care for children of all ages, but especially 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 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims May, 2021, as:

“Foster Care Month in Mendocino County”

Dated: May 4, 2021

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Dan Gjerde, Chair