

PROCLAMATION
FOSTER CARE MONTH

Whereas, the theme for Foster Care Month is “Foster Dreams, Foster Kids”; and

Whereas, all children deserve a safe, loving, and permanent home;

Whereas, the primary goal of the foster care system is to ensure the safety and well-being of children while working to provide a safe, loving, and permanent home for each child;

Whereas, foster parents are the front-line caregivers for children who cannot safely remain with their biological parents and provide physical care, emotional support, education advocacy, and are the largest single source of families providing permanent homes for children leaving foster care to adoption;

Whereas, children in foster care who are placed with relatives, compared to children placed with nonrelatives, have more stability, including fewer changes in placements, have more positive perceptions of their placements, are more likely to be placed with their siblings, and demonstrate fewer behavioral problems;

Whereas, foster, kinship, and adoptive families who open their homes and hearts to support children whose families are in crisis play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect, thereby transitioning young people into successful adulthood; and

Whereas, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for foster families; and

Whereas, the state of Ohio, Carroll County, and public and private child care organizations that work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care need you to help build blocks toward permanent families;

Now, therefore, we, the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, join John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, and do hereby designate May 2016 as:

FOSTER CARE MONTH

and urge all residents of Carroll County to recognize the valuable services of kinship and foster families and to participate in a positive way that will help children and youth all of whom are deserving of caring families in their time of need.

Proclamation adopted this 2nd day of May, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CARROLL COUNTY

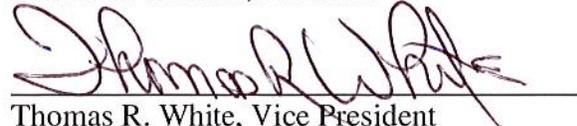
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