

National Foster Care Month

May, 2021

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, we have a responsibility as individuals, neighbors, community members and citizens of Mesa County to recognize that all children need love, support, security and a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, Mesa County foster parents are caring for and nurturing more than 200 children and youth in foster care today; and

WHEREAS, foster parents provide the love, safety and stability that children need in order to overcome past traumatic experiences so that they can reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, foster parents and families require and deserve respect and support from the community and from the social service agencies who work with them; and

WHEREAS, we must come together as a community to recognize the important role foster parents play in caring for children and youth who have experienced abuse and neglect, supporting family reunification and building strong communities; and

WHEREAS, during National Foster Care month, we celebrate all those who have invited a child in need into their hearts and into their homes, and express our profound appreciation for all who help make foster care possible; and

WHEREAS, through partnerships with families, child welfare staff, and public and private agencies, there is a collaborative effort to ensure that children and youth in Mesa County are supported and successful.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Mesa County Commissioners proclaims **MAY 2021** as **NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH** in Mesa County, urge all citizens to honor and thank all foster parents who take in children and youth displaced from their birth parents, and commend the hard work, love and time kinship parents give to the children and youth in their care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and cause to be affixed the official seal of Mesa County this 3rd day of May, 2021.

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