**Marion County Board of Commissioners**

**Board Session Agenda Review Form**

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**Title**

Proclamation of May as Foster Care Appreciation Month

**Issue, Description & Background**

The proclamation represents Marion County's continued commitment to raising public awareness of foster care in Marion County; recognizing the contributions of foster parents; and encouraging the community to become involved.

Within Marion County, the Children and Families Commission subcommittee, Family Preservation Action Team (FPAT), works with DHS and other community-based organizations to address the recruitment and retention of foster families. FPAT is a collaborative team representing individuals, schools, nonprofit and government agencies, faith-based organizations, community groups, and law enforcement agencies working cooperatively to identify creative strategies and viable solutions.

**Financial Impacts:**

**Impacts to Department & External Agencies**

The Community Services Department has dedicated staff time and other resources to support this collaborative effort through the Family Preservation Action Team.

**Options for Consideration:**

1) Approve May Foster Care Appreciation Month Proclamation; 2) Do not approve May Foster Care Appreciation Month Proclamation; 3) Approve May Foster Care Appreciation Month Proclamation with conditions or amendments.

**Recommendation:**

Approve May Foster Care Appreciation Month Proclamation

**List of Attachments:**

Proclamation

**Presenter:**

Tamra Goettsch

Copies of completed paperwork sent to the following: (Include names and e-mail addresses.)

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming May as Foster Care Appreciation Month

PROCLAMATION

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled meeting of May 15, 2019, to proclaim May as Foster Care Appreciation Month.

WHEREAS, we recognize that the growth and development of children is of the utmost importance and every child deserves a safe, loving and stable home, and

WHEREAS, many children in our community must be temporarily removed from their homes to ensure that the child's physical and emotional needs are addressed, and

WHEREAS, foster parents, who open their hearts and homes to support children whose birth families are in crisis, play a vital role in providing a safe strong foundation for children, and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals in public and private organizations, the courts, and in the faith-based community who work to support the foster care system and recruit foster families, and

WHEREAS, May has been designated National Foster Care Month and this year's theme is "Foster Care as a Support to Families, Not a Substitute for Parents" which emphasizes the importance of supporting foster families and honoring their critical role in keeping families together.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Marion County Board of Commissioners join with all those involved in the foster care system to thank individuals and families that provide support, affection, love and security to the children in their care, as well as those organizations and agencies that support foster families and proclaim the month of May as:

“FOSTER CARE APPRECIATION MONTH”

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 15th day of May, 2019.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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