

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION

In the matter of proclaiming the month of May 2018 as Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Marion County.

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

**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 "Empowering Caregivers, Strengthening Families" which emphasizes the importance of identifying, developing, and supporting prospective and current foster parents.

**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 Parent Appreciation Month in Marion County

DATED at Champoeg, Oregon, this second day of May, 2018.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Chair

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner