

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2019 AS
FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH IN
FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the foundation of our communities and our State;

WHEREAS over 440,000 American children are in foster care because their own families are in crisis and unable to provide for their essential well-being;

WHEREAS foster families, who open their homes and hearts and offer help to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families to heal and reconnect and launching children into successful adulthood;

WHEREAS in Forsyth County, there were 241 children and youth in foster care on March 1, 2019, being provided with a safe, secure, and stable home along with the compassion and nurturing of a foster family;

WHEREAS the needs of the foster care population result in a greater call for skilled foster families, community resources and partnerships;

WHEREAS the Forsyth County foster care system depends on the active support and involvement of the Forsyth community;

WHEREAS the Family and Children's Division of Forsyth County Department of Social Services has demonstrated progressive social work practice for youth in foster care in the implementation of the North Carolina Division of Social Services Fostering Health and Trauma Informed Care initiatives;

WHEREAS the Forsyth County Department of Social Services is joined by numerous individuals, public, and private organizations including, but not limited to, Family Preservation Community Services and Children's Hope Alliance, which work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care, as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

WHEREAS the Forsyth County Department of Social Services acknowledges that the foster care system is only as good as those who choose to be part of it, therefore, partnerships on the state, county, and community levels are critical to the success of the foster care system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the month of May 2019, as Foster Care Awareness Month in Forsyth County and encourages the people of Forsyth County to come forward and do something positive that will help raise hope and foster dreams of children and youth in foster care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is hereby spread upon the minutes of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners and that a copy will be presented to the Forsyth County Department of Social Services.

Adopted this 9th day of May, 2019.