



COUNTY of CLAY

Proclamation

Foster Care Month

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our community; and foster parents provide an invaluable service to the children, youth and families of Clay County; and foster parents give generously of themselves to provide nurturing, safety, guidance, hope and love in a safe, secure and stable home;

WHEREAS, foster parents recognize the opportunity to help a child or youth and their family in ways that will influence them and become a supportive and lasting presence for the remainder of their lives; and foster, kinship and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families;

WHEREAS, May 2024, Foster Care Appreciation Month in Clay County is an appropriate opportunity to thank the families who embrace the often-thankless responsibility of providing a home and family to children in need of affection, love and security and to support the efforts of those who dedicate their time to children in and leaving foster care;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Clay County Board of Commissioners**, do hereby proclaim May as Foster Care Month in Clay County, and we call upon all our citizens to recognize the contributions made by our foster families throughout our County. We also urge all citizens to come forward and do something positive that will help change a life for children and youth in foster care.

Adopted this 7 day of May '24.

David Ebinger, Chair
Clay County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Stephen Larson
Clay County Administrator