

THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

Board of Supervisors

PROCLAMATION



Whereas~ National Foster Care Month is annually observed during the month of May, a time to recognize the importance of supporting foster children, youth, and their families; and

Whereas~ each May, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to shine a light on the experiences of the more than 390,000 children and youth in the foster care system nationwide. Currently, there are approximately 1,445 children in and out of home care in Fresno County; and

Whereas~ no matter their age, all children in foster care need a meaningful connection to at least one caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives. Without families or stable relationships, too many of these formerly neglected or abused children and youth will end up facing life's challenges alone; and

Whereas~ throughout the nation and in Fresno County in particular, everyday people make a difference by serving as resource parents, mentors, advocates, social workers, and volunteers. Thanks to these unsung heroes, many formerly abused or neglected children and youth will either reunite with their parents, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted by loving families; and

Whereas~ National Foster Care Month gives the community a chance to honor the dedicated relatives, resource families, social workers, public and private service agencies, and community partners who have worked together to ensure a better life for many of Fresno County's children and youth.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims May 2025 "National Foster Care Month" in the County of Fresno. The Board calls upon the residents of Fresno County to join them in honoring those who have shown a commitment to our children and youth by providing them with a loving and nurturing environment.

**ADOPTED BY THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THIS 22ND OF APRIL 2025.**

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