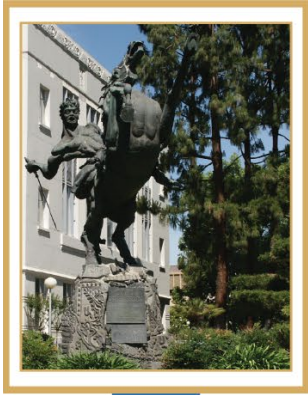


THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

Board of Supervisors

PROCLAMATION



Whereas~ National Foster Care Month is annually observed nationally during the month of May as 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 more than 360,000 children and youth in the foster care system nationwide. Currently, there are approximately 1,200 children in out of home care in Fresno County; and this year's themes, "The Power of Relationships" and "Engaging Youth" closely align to Fresno County's commitment to the Quality Parenting Initiative; and

Whereas~ the Quality Parenting Initiative emphasizes that every child deserves not just a placement, but a sense of belonging, connection and family. Through alignment with the Quality Parenting Initiative, Fresno County strives to ensure that caregivers, social workers, and community partners work together as a team to support children and youth, especially those preparing to transition out of foster care; and

Whereas~ this month we come together to honor and uplift the children and youth in foster care, the dedicated resource families who open their hearts and homes, and the social workers, advocates, and community members who work tirelessly to provide support and stability; and

Whereas~ National Foster Care Month is not only a time to recognize the important work being done, but also a reminder of the ongoing need for foster and adoptive families who are willing to step forward, build relationships, and provide a sense of belonging for children and youth in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims May 2026 "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 21st DAY OF APRIL 2026**

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