



*Foster Care and Foster Family
Recognition Month Proclamation*

Whereas, strengthening families and focusing on their wellbeing is vital to building strong communities; and preserving families is the primary goal of the child welfare system; and

Whereas, there are approximately 424,000 youth in foster care across the nation – over 6,180 in the State of West Virginia – and foster families open their homes to provide a stable, nurturing environment; and

Whereas, we all have a responsibility as individuals, neighbors, community members, and residents to recognize that all children need love, support, security, and a place to call home; and

Whereas, foster parents are the front-line care givers for children who cannot safely remain with their biological parents; and

Whereas, foster parents provide physical care, emotional support, and education advocacy and are the largest single source of families providing permanent homes for children leaving foster care to adoption; and

Whereas, since 1988, when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May as National Foster Care Month, each President has also made the proclamation, to honor foster parents for the work, sacrifices, and love they share and to highlight the need for good families to care for abused and neglected children; and

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of our City, I do hereby proclaim May 2022 as Foster care and Foster Family Recognition Month in the City of Charles Town, West Virginia; and

Now, Therefore be it further resolved that I urge all Charles Town residents to volunteer their time and talents on behalf of children in foster care and to support and recognize the commitment of those foster families and professional staff who work with these children and youth.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Charles Town, West Virginia to be affixed this second day of May, two thousand twenty-two.




Robert M. Trainor


Todd Wilt
City Clerk