

## Proclamation

### “FOSTER CARE MONTH”

May 2020

**Whereas**, Foster Care Awareness month is celebrated nationally to raise awareness about foster care, to highlight that foster care is a means of support to families and not a substitute for parents, and to encourage more community involvement as foster families, volunteers, or mentors; and

**Whereas**, there are numerous individual, nonprofit organizations and public servants who are dedicated to raising awareness about the needs of children and youth in foster care; and

**Whereas**, children are the key to Colorado’s future success, prosperity, and quality of life; and

**Whereas**, the Human Services Agency oversees the children and youth in foster care in Adams County with the goal to ensure safety, permanency and well-being of children in Adams County; and

**Whereas**, those who have wholeheartedly committed to the welfare of the children in foster care despite all of its legal, economic and social challenges continue to fight to protect the rights of children and improve their outcomes; and

**Whereas**, Colorado is experiencing a shortage of foster families and is in need of families willing to care for teens, children with complex behavioral and mental health needs, and siblings; and

**Whereas**, we must recognize the important role foster parents play in caring for children who have experienced abuse and neglect, supporting family reunification and building strong communities; and

**Whereas**, if not us, then who ensuring Colorado’s children are healthy and safe, and are able to reach their full potential.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims the month of May 2020 as

“Foster Care Month”

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed May 12, 2020.