



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Board Session Agenda Review Form**

Meeting date: May 12, 2021

Department: Community Services

Agenda Planning Date: 3-6-21

Time required: 15

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Department Head Signature:

**TITLE**

Proclamation of May as Foster Care Month

Issue, Description & Background

The proclamation represents Marion County's continued commitment to raising public awareness of foster care in Marion County; recognizing the contributions of foster parents; and encouraging the community to become involved.

Within Marion County, the Children and Families Commission works with DHS, CASA, and other community-based organizations to strengthen families and bring together resources to address systemic issues that hinder prosperous conditions for children and families.

Financial Impacts:

None

Impacts to Department & External Agencies

The Community Services Department has dedicated staff time and other resources to support this collaborative effort through the Children and Families Commission.

Options for Consideration:

- 1) Approve May as Foster Care Month proclamation
- 2) Do not approve May as Foster Care Month proclamation
- 3) Approve May as Foster Care Month proclamation with conditions or amendments

Recommendation:

- 1) Approve May as Foster Care Month proclamation

List of attachments:

Proclamation

Presenter:

Tamra Goettsch

*Melinda*

*Copies of completed paperwork sent to the following: (Include names and e-mail addresses.)*

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming May as Foster Care Month

**PROCLAMATION**

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 12, 2021, to proclaim May as Foster Care Month in Marion County.

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that the growth and development of children is of the utmost Importance, and every child deserves a safe, loving, and stable home, and

**WHEREAS**, many children in our community must be temporarily removed from their homes to ensure that the child's physical and emotional needs are addressed, and

**WHEREAS**, foster parents, who open their hearts and homes to support children whose birth families are in crisis, play a vital role in providing a safe and strong foundation for children, and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous individuals in public and private organizations, the courts, and in the faith-based community who work to support the foster care system and recruit foster families, and

**WHEREAS**, May has been designated National Foster Care Month and this year's theme is "Foster Care as a Support to Families, Not a Substitute for Parents" which highlights the importance of supporting parents in need, and honoring the critical role of foster parents in keeping families together;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Marion County Board of Commissioners asks everyone to join together to thank individuals and families that provide support, affection, love, and security to the children in their care, as well as those organizations and agencies that support foster families and proclaim the month of May as:

**“FOSTER CARE MONTH”**

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 12th day of May, 2021.

**MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_

**Commissioner** \_\_\_\_\_

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