

**Before the Board of County Commissioners  
Martin County, Florida**

**A Proclamation**

**Declaring May 2021 as the  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Place of Hope Month in Martin County, Florida**

**Whereas,** May 2021 will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Place of Hope and celebrating two decades of service to over 17,000 foster children, homeless youth, families in transition and survivors of trafficking in our community; and

**Whereas,** the 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits Place of Hope is the largest children and families organization and has received Guidestar's Platinum Seal of Transparency five consecutive years, Charity Navigator's highest four out of four star rating for nine consecutive years, and was named one of the Top 11 Charities that Changed the World by the Huffington Post in 2014; and

**Whereas,** foster families in Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast have opened their homes and hearts to children of families in crisis, playing a vital role in helping families heal, reconnect and find permanency; and

**Whereas,** Place of Hope is grateful for partnerships with community-focused businesses and individuals to meet the needs of pregnant youth, provide life-skills training and enrichment opportunities, keep kids from entering child welfare, restore hope to trafficking victims and more.

**Now, therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners** that the month of May 2021 in Martin County is declared the "20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Place of Hope Month" and urges all citizens to volunteer their time, talent and energy on behalf of foster children, foster parents and professional staff engaged in this critical endeavor.

**Presented this Twenty-Seventh Day of April 2021**

ATTEST:

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