

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

A Proclamation

Declaring Foster Care Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida

Whereas, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our state; and

Whereas, foster, kinship and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis play a vital role in helping children and families heal, reconnect, find permanency and help launch these children into successful adulthood; and

Whereas, there is an ongoing need for more foster homes on the Treasure Coast and the community should be made aware of the needs of children, as well as the enduring commitment and contribution of foster parents; and

Whereas, it is important to acknowledge the numerous individuals and local organizations like Foster Florida and the many volunteers who work to increase awareness of the needs of children in foster care, as well as the valuable contribution of foster parents, adoptive parents and child advocates.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that May 2020 is Foster Care Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida. The board further encourages all citizens to volunteer their time, talent and energy on behalf of children in foster care and foster parents during this month and throughout the year.

Presented this Fifth Day of May 2020

ATTEST:

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