

**RESOLUTION 011801**

**Proclaiming the Month of May, 2001 as Foster Parent Month in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.**

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WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of children is a priority in Cuyahoga County.

WHEREAS, the Month of May is National Foster Parents Month.

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

WHEREAS, the foster families of Cuyahoga County are team members in helping to form partnerships with neighborhoods and local communities in the effort of rebuilding families.

WHEREAS, currently, there are 980 licensed agency foster homes and 1900 licensed network foster homes that opened their families and heart to children whose own families are in crisis. These licensed foster homes play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect.

WHEREAS, many licensed foster homes care for the youth of Cuyahoga County and work with them and give support and guidance to help launch them successfully into adulthood.

AND, WHEREAS, the neighborhood with their formal and informal supports are partnering with Cuyahoga County Staff to support foster families and primary families in the neighborhoods that our children come from.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio that said Board is pleased to officially recognize the many persons and families who have shared their mentoring and parenting talents on behalf of our most vulnerable citizens. We are honored to proclaim the Month of May, 2001 as Foster Parents Month in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Bette Meyer, Deputy County Administrator and one copy to William Denihan, Director, Department of Children & Family Services.

On Motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Campbell, McCormack, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Marjorie J. Pettus  
Clerk of the Board

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