

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the month of May 2004 as Foster Parent Month in Cuyahoga County.

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

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

WHEREAS, foster families who open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect.

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families committed to the permanency of children frequently adopt the foster children in their care who become available for adoption.

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

WHEREAS, currently there are over 900 Department of Children & Family Services licensed foster homes and over 2,000 licensed network foster homes that provide children and youth in foster care, a safe, secure, stable and nurturing home.

AND, WHEREAS, the neighborhoods 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 that the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio 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 2004 as Foster Parent Month in Cuyahoga County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to James McCafferty, Director, Department of Children & Family Services and David Latsko, Administrator, Purchase of Services, Department of Children & Family Services.

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

Ayes: McCormack, Dimora, Jones.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Penelope M. Hughes,
Clerk of the Board**

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