

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the month of May 2006 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, there are over 2,900 children and youth in custody in Cuyahoga County.

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 and launching children into successful adulthood.

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families committed to the permanency of children frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families.

WHEREAS, the foster families in Cuyahoga County are team members in helping to form partnerships with neighborhoods and local communities in the effort of rebuilding families and working to increase public awareness of the needs of children in care.

WHEREAS, currently there are over 750 Department of Children & Family Services licensed foster homes and more than 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 Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio hereby recognizes the Department of Children & Family Services as we proclaim May 2006 as Foster Parent Month in Cuyahoga County. We are pleased to officially recognize the many persons and families who have shared their mentoring and parenting talents on behalf of our most vulnerable citizens. Thank you for making a difference in our community.

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.

On Motion of Commissioner Hagan, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Hagan, Jones, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

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

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