

**RESOLUTION**

**Proclaiming the month of May 2007 as Foster Parent Month in Cuyahoga County.**

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**WHEREAS, “You Can Change a Lifetime”, is the State theme for Foster Care Month.**

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

**WHEREAS, families are the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support.**

**WHEREAS, strong families are the very foundation of our communities.**

**WHEREAS, there are more than 2,600 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.**

**WHEREAS, dedicated foster families committed to providing permanency to our youth frequently adopt.**

**WHEREAS, currently there are more than 700 Department of Children and 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.**

**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 and Family Services as we proclaim May 2007 as Foster Parent Month in Cuyahoga County. We are pleased to officially recognize the many persons and families who have demonstrated their dedication and commitment to 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 Dimora, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: Dimora, Jones, Hagan.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,  
Clerk of the Board**

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