

RESOLUTION

**Proclaiming the month of May 2009 as Foster Parent Month in Cuyahoga County.**

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**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 and our County.**

**WHEREAS, there are more than 2,000 children and youth in custody in Cuyahoga County.**

**WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives.**

**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 and reconnect.**

**WHEREAS, dedicated foster families committed to providing permanency frequently adopt, resulting in a greater need for more foster families.**

**WHEREAS, currently there are more than 500 Department of Children and Family Services licensed foster homes and more than 1,500 licensed network foster homes that provide children and youth in foster care a safe, secure, stable and nurturing home.**

**AND WHEREAS, the neighborhood collaboratives, as well as public and private organizations partner 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 2009 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 helping to change a lifetime by providing what every child needs....family!**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Deborah Forkas, Director, Department of Children & Family Services.**

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

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

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

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

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